

The APPLESEED



Sebastopol United Methodist Church

500 Main Street Sebastopol, CA 95472
Email: sebumc@sonic.net ❖ 707.823.7971

Pastor's Letter

OPERATION GRATEFULNESS

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Sing to God, sing praises to his name, lift up a song to him who rides upon the cloud, his name is the Lord be exulted to him. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

All Christians are continuing to be involved in teaching ministry of God in various possible ways in order to convey the love and compassion of Christ. In discipleship is sharing the good news and acting upon it. Philippians 4:6 do not anxious about anything, but in everything in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Receiving and giving are operating in one household of sharing in the love of God. Giving away of treasures accumulating for many years, is not easy, simultaneously others receiving those treasures with happiness and gratefulness.

Our church is very fortunate in receiving what had been giving/donating by members of our church family and friends for our Rummage Sale. Members of the church went further in donating their time preparing for the day. Witnessing all dedicating members showing extra efforts exulting Lord in individuals' way overwhelmingly warming our hearts. Prophetic eyes of the apostle assuring us with gratefulness that we are given varieties of gifts but the same spirit, varieties of services but the same Lord, and varieties of activities but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. Our church is one pillar of our community, sitting at the intersection of soul, community and service. Surely God has designating YOU ALL to be the lights shining from our corner benefitting everyone in the community. Thank you God for your inexpressible gift. Praising God, giving him thanks for he is good and his steadfast love endures forever. Sebastopol UMC has continuously placing its Light on top of the Lampstand, so your good works be seen by everyone.

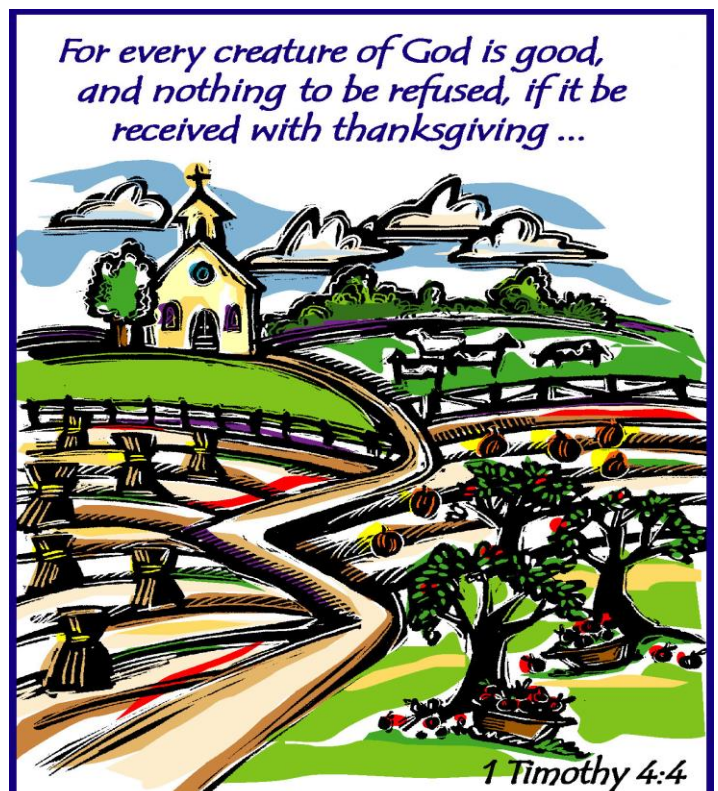
Today is always a day to shine with gratefulness in any capacities you can do.

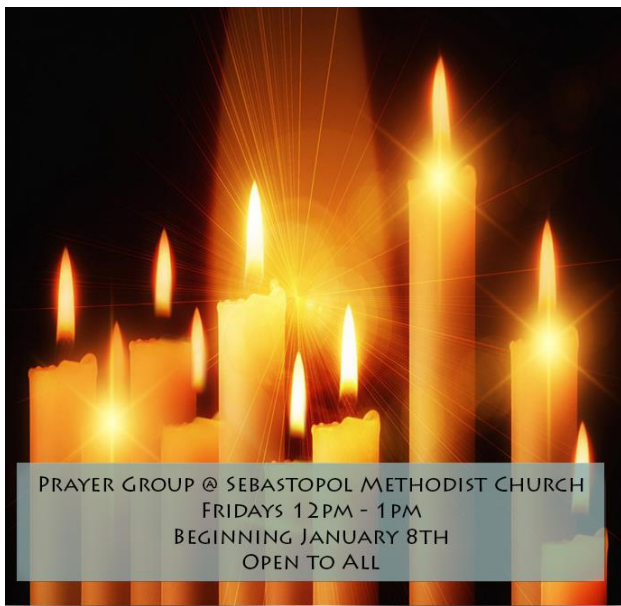
One inscription says:

This little strip of light gleam night and night,
Let me keep bright today
And let no shadow of tomorrow
In sorrow from the dead yesterday
Gainsay my happiness today
And if tomorrow shall be sad
Or never come at all
I'd have at least today

1 Timothy 4:4-5 "for everything, God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving because it is consecrated by the Word of God and by prayer".

Wishing all a blessed September!
Pastor Iunisi Tovo





PRAYER GROUP @ SEBASTOPOL METHODIST CHURCH
 FRIDAYS 12PM - 1PM
 BEGINNING JANUARY 8TH
 OPEN TO ALL

ADMIN COUNCIL
 meets 3rd Sunday of the month.
 The next meeting will be September 18th after church.
 All are welcome.

Mission Team Meetings
 have been moved to
 2nd Thursday of the month
 Next meeting: September 8th 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 September 8th and 22nd



Adopt A Highway
 The next scheduled date for litter pickup on Highway 12
 is Saturday, November 12th, 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".

Pastor Lunisi, front row left during the Conference



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.

Sebastopol United Methodist Church

100th Anniversary

Celebration & Potluck

Sunday September 18, 2016

Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, District
Superintendent at California Nevada
Annual Conference of the
United Methodist Church
will join us

Thank You

Thank you to my church family for your support during Ernie's illness. The prayers, cards, meals, and visits meant more than you know. And a huge thank you for everyone who helped with the service and the reception. I don't dare try to list you all for fear that I would miss someone. I am so grateful for my church family

From Karen Bohn.

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.



Thank You

to all who donated to and volunteered for our Rummage Sale on August 20. It was a huge success and raised more than \$2,200 and still counting! Many buyers said they love our sale. We really appreciate everyone's participation. From: Julie, Marlene, Barbara, and Susan

Our leftovers were picked up by the Wounded Veterans' Thrift Store, 10 Enterprise Drive, Rohnert Park, benefiting the Sonoma County Veteran Community through Purple Heart Chapter #78. See WWW.purpleheart78.org. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm.
Thank you, Marlene

Saturday Table Thank You for August

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

Those supplying food: Jennie Cheshier, Karen Bohn and her sisters Diane Beer and Chris Mahr, and Susan Kinder, Barbara Stranzl, Laura Williams, and Vi Moir.

Those working at Saturday Table in August were Carol Wagner, Pat Schoch, Barbara Stranzl, Jennie Cheshier 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 16 meals to our guests.

Next Saturday Table will be on September 24.

Vi Moir



SEP 2016

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

01

02

03

04

05

Labor Day

06

07

08

Mission Team Mtg
Golden Rule

09

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

Church
Anniversary
& Potluck

Admin Council

Bless School
Backpacks

19

20

21

Golden Rule

22

23

Saturday Table

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

September Worship Leaders

Sept. 4

Michelle Olson

Sept. 11

Vicky Ness

Sept. 18

Iunisi Tovo

Sept. 25

Gabe Yazallino