

# The APPLESEED

SEBASTOPOL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

## FROM MEMBERSHIP TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord! Bless his name!  
Share the news of his saving work every single day! – Psalm 96:1-2*

Greetings in the Holy name of Father, son, and Holy Spirit as One. We have entered a new month in which to praise God, from all whom blessings flow, with deep gratitude for precious chances to enjoy life to the fullest. Although we are not perfect, where there is life there is always hope in Christ; then the impossible becomes possible.

I love to begin my day with positive thoughts. One scripture phrase that children love to sing, “this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it,” always sets me right. When we program our day with a resounding new song to the Lord, our days become easier and happier. Another one I like is a stanza from one of our hymnal’s pages, “Praise him, Praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer; For our sins he suffered and bled and died, He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, Hail Him, hail Him, Jesus the Crucified.” The tone and lyric of that inspirational praise is that of the Psalmist, reminding us to begin anew on each day of our journey.

When Peter, in a trance, saw a sheet full of live animals coming down from heaven; he heard the Lord tell him to get up, to kill and eat the animals. Peter refused, because he believed that those animals were unclean. His lesson was that everything God created was, in fact, pure and clean. The message of equality shook Peter’s prior belief that he was a superior disciple. Likewise, Peter was told to overcome prejudice and go to the valley of the gentiles; there he discovered that gentiles had vision as well. Peter had to accept that his high-and-mighty attitude didn’t fit with discipleship. He needed a new beginning. His experience brought him to this new beginning of his journey. By blessing God’s name, Peter could share God’s amazing and saving work with anyone, regardless of race, gender, or creed.

Discipleship begins with some act of kindness, respect, and renewal. We will be called out of our comfort zone, but God will never leave us orphaned, for the Spirit of Truth is always within us. It is good to be nice to others, but believers go beyond *niceness* to *kindness*. Our small acts of kindness comes from deep within us. Kindness goes out of its way, and will provide without being asked. Jesus provided “peace” to his disciples before he left them – we are today’s disciples of that same peace, which was and is given without been asked for. Believers know that we have the special blessing to provide comfort and peace to all who are in great need. So others will know that we belong in that category in which peace produces love; and love shines with Jesus’s teaching us to love one another.

We are called to remember that, first, we are no better than, no different from anyone. All are equally entitled to the goodness of life through Jesus Christ, who sacrificed once and for all, for all people. Worshippers and non-worshippers equally share the opportunity for salvation as well. God’s incomparable greatness motivates praise. We need to hear the resounding joy of newness in our voices, in our service, in our fellowship, in our sanctuary, and any place where the power of our Mighty and Omnipresent Lord is within reach. You and I are still blessed with words, actions, and music to share his love and peace with others.

Shalom,

Pastor Lunisi Tovo



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## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Women's Study Group will be **Saturday, June 8, at 10:00 am** at the home of Vicky Ness  
7300 Lynch Road, Sebastopol  
info: 707-824-9255  
vickyness61@gmail.com

## GOLDEN RULE

*Golden Rule meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Epworthian Hall. We share a potluck meal and discuss religious and philosophical issues of mutual interest.*

*For info please contact the church office.*

**Next Meetings are 6/13 • 6/27 • 7/11\* • 7/25**

**\* Parking lot and driveway will be blocked due to tree removal on 7/11;. Golden Rule may be moved or canceled – please see info closer to the date!**

## !! SAVE THE DATES !!

*Midsummer All-Church Picnic  
Sunday, July 14 after worship,  
at Ragle Ranch Park*

*The Mighty SebUMC Rummage Sale  
Saturday, August 31, Epworthian Hall*

*Mission Team Hot Dog Lunch  
Sunday, September 15  
after worship, Epworthian Hall*

## SATURDAY TABLE

*We provide a monthly hot meal for our neighbors in need. Contributions of food and time are greatly appreciated. Can you help us with setup, serving, and/or clean-up? Can you provide food? Please sign up on the Saturday Table sheet in Epworthian Hall – Vi Moir and the team thank you!*

- **June Saturday Table is 6/22 •**
- **July Saturday Table is 7/27 •**

Saturday Table Thank You for May 25, 2019: Thank you to those who helped with the Saturday Table Lunch on May 25th. *Those supplying food:* Jennie Cheshier, Pat and Paul Schoch, Charlotte and Charlie Fisher, Karen Bohn, Dee Schilling and Beth Waklee. *Those working at Saturday Table:* Beth Wakelee, Chris Beaty, Robin Andrus, Jennie Cheshier, Barbara Hansen, Arthur George and Vi Moir. We served 17 meals to our guests and sent out 5 meals.

THANK YOU ALL — Vi Moir

## TRUSTEES WORK DAY

**The next Trustees Work Day  
will be**

**Saturday, June 15th  
from 9:00 am to noon**

*Thank you in advance for helping!*

## JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

6/2 Dee Schilling

6/9 Matt Witterman

6/16 Worship Team

6/23 Florence Stone

6/30 Vicky Ness

## SEBASTOPOL INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Our Sebastopol Inter-Church Food Pantry continues to give generous amounts of food to folks regularly, every 2 weeks if needed. Our congregation continues to give half of our communion offering to the Pantry every month; plus we have a donation basket in the narthex for any packaged food.

We are grateful for those who have supplied egg cartons for many years. Thank you! But... WE DO NOT NEED EGG CARTONS AT THIS TIME!!

Several of our members are volunteers, and Karen Bohn is our representative to the Board. Any questions, or to volunteer - contact Karen at 823 7963 or 791 4186 or email her at ekbohn@comcast.net.

Please pass along the word that anyone needing food is asked to phone ahead -- 707-823-2483 -- during opening hours (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10am to noon) and their food will be ready to be picked up at the Pantry at 500 Robinson Road (at rear of St Stephen's Episcopal Church. Please note, however, that *walk-ins will not be turned away*.

This information, and more, is printed on a flyer on the Mission Team bulletin board in Epworthian Hall. Thank you for taking a look. — Karen Bohn

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**We salute all fathers!!**

***Thank you for caring, teaching, and growing alongside your children.***

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !!

**Susan Magnoli, PhD**

Dr. Magnoli received her PhD in Biology from Michigsn State University in December 2018

**Isabelle Lilly**

Granddaughter of Christina Beaty & great-granddaughter of Jennie Cheshier, graduated May 19 from Willamette University, Salem OR

*All joy & success going forward!*

## WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

**Thursday, June 27th at 1:00 pm**

**The Worship Team will make plans for our All-Church Picnic on July 14th.**

**Your input is wanted!**

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY!

Please welcome Janice Magnoli as your new Membership Secretary – she will take over where Marlene Felsenfeld left off. Janice has a lot of office experience and was, in fact, our church's administrative assistant for several years. Marlene, Pastor Iunisi, Charlotte Fisher, and others here at SebUMC are very thankful for her willingness to take on this position.

*PS – The next edition of our Member Directory will be issued soon. Please contact Janice M., or Ann R. in the office, with any updates to your contact info incl. birthdays, anniversaries, address...Thank You! – Ann R. sebumc@sonic.net*

## BUILDING PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT SEB UMC

In the final days of May, renovation commenced in the SebUMC classrooms – phase one of a multi-phase building project which has been planned and permitted and financed over a long time. We have begun! Hooray! With construction comes some dust, inconvenience, and upheaval... please bear with us as our campus is made ready for change and improvement.

*Here is what is going on at present:*

Classrooms are being renovated for the future move-in of the Children's School;

Concrete will be poured in the first half of July;

Repairs will be made to the Sanctuary roof;

Trees will be removed in July (please see item at right ----> ) for the safety and benefit of SebUMC and our neighbors...

Eventually, the Children's School will be transformed into a new Parsonage, and the current Parsonage will be made ready for rental.

We will try to keep everyone up to date with the projects, including information about dates on which access to the campus will be limited (again, please see item at right ----> )

THANK YOU to members past and present, living and passed-on, whose tremendous generosity has enabled these important, necessary projects to begin. Sebastopol UMC's historic beauty will be enhanced by increased utility, safety, and accessibility for the future.

## TREES TREES TREES

Our campus has a LOT of trees! While we enjoy the beauty, shade and watching the seasons move through all of them, they do have some issues.

The big live oak in the far corner of the parking lot at Epworthian Hall is lovely, but its roots are creating problems for our neighbors. The Trustee Committee received a letter complaining about damage to their property. The Committee decided to file a permit for removal from the City of Sebastopol. Part of the process included an evaluation by the City arborist and she concluded the tree does need to be removed. The scheduled date for removal is July 11. The parking lot by the Hall will be blocked off that day.

There are a number of smaller trees long the fence lines around the same parking lot. The Trustee Committee has decided to remove them as well so there won't be the same problem of encroachment years from now. The scheduled date for that removal will be July 19. The restrictions on use of the parking will be the same.

And finally, through this thoughtful, but lengthy process, the Trustees have determined the two big trees between the parsonage and the preschool need to be removed as well. The Monterey Pine (closest to the street) is considered dangerous due to the fork in the trunk, which weakens the tree. The Sequoia, a non-native species native to the Sierra range, is also dangerous with large heavy limbs extending out more than 20 feet from the bole. Eventually these limbs will fall endangering the lives and property of all below. The tentative date for removal of these two large trees is August 12-14, depending on approval of the permit recently submitted to the City. Again our campus will be impacted by the equipment necessary for the work.

Bids for tree removal were obtained and the Sandborn Co. has been chosen to do the work. The proposal received is \$16,740.00. This expense will be funded from the Orr Bequest. While this may not appear to be a capital expense, the reduction of liability to our church is substantial.

If you have any questions or comments, the Trustee Committee, John Williams (retired forester) and Leadership Team are available to you.

# DAILY READINGS JUNE 2019



- **Saturday, June 1, 2019:** Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18
- **Sunday, June 2, 2019: Seventh Sunday of Easter**
- **Monday, June 3, 2019:** Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40
- **Tuesday, June 4, 2019:** Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29
- **Wednesday, June 5, 2019:** Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27
- **Thursday, June 6, 2019:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25
- **Friday, June 7, 2019:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10
- **Saturday, June 8, 2019:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17
- **Sunday, June 9, 2019: Day of Pentecost**
- **Monday, June 10, 2019:** Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
- **Tuesday, June 11, 2019:** Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
- **Wednesday, June 12, 2019:** Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38
- **Thursday, June 13, 2019:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19
- **Friday, June 14, 2019:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6
- **Saturday, June 15, 2019:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52
- **Sunday, June 16, 2019: Trinity Sunday**
- **Monday, June 17, 2019:** Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16
- **Tuesday, June 18, 2019:** Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20
- **Wednesday, June 19, 2019:** Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55

*Note: For the readings after Pentecost: the first reading pairs with the semi-continuous strand of texts; the second, with the complementary.*

- **Thursday, June 20, 2019:** Psalm 42 and 43; Genesis 24:1-21; Romans 2:17-29 OR Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 56:9-12; Romans 2:17-29
- **Friday, June 21, 2019:** Psalm 42 and 43; Job 6:14-30; Galatians 3:15-22 OR Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 57:1-13; Galatians 3:15-22
- **Saturday, June 22, 2019:** Psalm 42 and 43; Proverbs 11:3-13; Matthew 9:27-34 OR Psalm 22:19-28; Isaiah 59:1-8; Matthew 9:27-34
- **Sunday, June 23, 2019: Proper 7 (12)**
- **Monday, June 24, 2019:** Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:1-13; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 OR Psalm 64; Job 18:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- **Tuesday, June 25, 2019:** Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:14-26; Ephesians 2:11-22 OR Psalm 64; Job 19:1-22; Ephesians 2:11-22
- **Wednesday, June 26, 2019:** Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Luke 9:37-43a OR Psalm 64; Ezekiel 32:1-10; Luke 9:37-43a
- **Thursday, June 27, 2019:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 OR Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22-10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
- **Friday, June 28, 2019:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:1-12; Galatians 4:8-20 OR Psalm 16; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Galatians 4:8-20
- **Saturday, June 29, 2019:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5; Luke 9:21-27 OR Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-27
- **Sunday, June 30, 2019: Proper 8 (13)**
- **Monday, July 1, 2019:** Psalm 75; 2 Kings 2:15-22; 1 John 2:7-11 OR Psalm 140; Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67; 1 John 2:7-11

# JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !!						<b>1</b> Hugh Bailey Memorial Svc
<b>2</b> Worship 10:30 COMMUNION ASCENSION SUNDAY	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Women's Study Group
<b>9</b> Worship 10:30 PENTECOST	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>13</b> Golden Rule Worship Team	<b>14</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Worship 10:30 FATHER'S DAY	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>22</b> Saturday Table
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MODESTO, CA						
<b>23</b> Worship 10:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT APPLESEED!	<b>26</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>27</b> Golden Rule	<b>28</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<i>July 1</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY	<b>5</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>6</b>

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