

# The APPLESEED

SEBASTOPOL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## FROM MEMBERSHIP TO DISCIPLESHIP

Greetings to you with peace and grace. Welcome to the month of July. This is the beginning of the new church conference year of 2019-2020. It is a humble privilege with great joy that I am re-appointed to serve Sebastopol UMC for another year. Thanks be to God. I am greatly empowered by the theme of this year's Annual Conference, from which some of us just returned: **JESUS IN THE BOAT**. This theme sends a clear message to members and disciples to be aware of the presence of Jesus in the church. Matthew told us, in his gospel, that Jesus was crossing the sea in a boat with some of his disciples when they were caught in a sudden, terrible storm with high winds and huge waves. The disciples were terrified of sinking and perhaps drowning. Yet Jesus, somehow, slept through it. We can easily imagine the disciples' voices crying for help; fear must have engulfed them. There must have been some who regretted being in the boat, even the experienced fishermen among them. They were in the center of an untenable situation, yet Jesus remained asleep. During the conference, one of the pastors – Rev. Brian Adkins – shared a sweet memory of his grandmother, who taught him at a young age about the significance of someone needing to *wake up Jesus*.

Throughout our Conference, the analogy of Jesus in the boat was used to remind us that Church is like a boat travelling on high seas, with unexpected storms coming at us from all angles. At times we will be engulfed with fear. At times we will be in dire financial straits. We will face seemingly insurmountable obstacles. We will be criticized for things we do (or don't do). We will try to do the best we can, and it still won't always be enough, and the church will be blamed for every little thing – whether it succeeds or fails, whether it is within the congregation or from the outside world. So, someone needs to *wake up Jesus*. We are in stormy social, political, economic, and spiritual times, and we are unsure of the United Methodist Church's direction; so we must remember that Jesus is in the boat. All we need to do is to invoke him; he had sent the Spirit of Truth to convey everything from him. If we are reluctant to keep Jesus by name only, and not wake him up, we will continue to see huge problems arise. Being good disciples, we are ready to *wake up Jesus*. I can only imagine that if Jesus was not on board in that storm, the disciples would have been overwhelmed by their fear, and drowning might have been the end of them. Someone in the boat *woke up Jesus*, who rebuked the wind and stormy seas then addressed his followers, calling them "people of little faith."

As we journey through the second half of the year, there will be storms on the way. If you feel that you are in a storm today, I suggest that, rather than complaining, you *wake up Jesus*. He is not far away – indeed, he is within us. We must not let fear or worry inhibit us, but let faith inhabit us, with Jesus at the helm of our boat. The church need not fear, because in any storm, Jesus is the way to calmness and peace. Jesus freely gives us every provision we need for a safe journey. While we are the church, we are also the boat on the open sea – an open boat with open doors, open hearts, and open minds with space available for everyone, but no room for division. The journey may be stormy, but when Jesus is on board we can turn from being amazed by the kind of man he is (winds and sea obey him!) toward the grateful acceptance that he has the power over these stormy winds and rough seas.

Thank you for all of your support for the last conference year. I will continue to serve alongside you all, to remind everyone of Jesus's presence in the boat of Sebastopol UMC.

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 13, at 10:00 am** at the home of Karen Bohn  
908 Pleasant Hill Road, Sebastopol  
info: 707-791-4186  
ekbohn@comcast.net

PLEASE CARPOOL – NO STREET PARKING!

## 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 7/25 • 8/8 • 8/22**

**\* Parking lot and driveway will be blocked due to tree removal on 7/11;. Golden Rule is canceled on that date. Thank you.**

## !! SAVE THE DATES !!

*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!*

- **July Saturday Table is 7/27 •**
- **August Saturday Table is 8/24 •**

Saturday Table Thanks for June 22nd, 2019: "Thank you to those who helped with the Saturday Table Lunch, for those in need of a meal, in the month of June... Those supplying food: Jennie Cheshier, Pat and Paul Schoch, Charlotte and Charlie Fisher, Karen Bohn, Betty Stychno, Beth Wakelee, Susan Kinder, Beth Waklee and Lisa VanderBoom. Those working at Saturday Table: Beth Wakelee, Betty Stychno, Jennie Cheshier, and Vi Moir."

We served 4 meals to our guests and sent out 4 meals. THANK YOU ALL — Vi Moir

## ALL-CHURCH PICNIC !!

**The delicious, festive, and long-awaited All-Church Picnic will be on Sunday, July 14th from noon to 3pm at the Gazebo, Ragle Ranch Park**

*Lunch provided – cash donations accepted!*

*Info: carolwegner@yahoo.com*

*707-479-4800*

## JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

7/7 Pat Schoch  
7/14 Barbara Stranzl  
7/21 Carol Wegner  
7/28 Beth Wakelee

## 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.

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](mailto: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

## FIRST SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS

Have you participated in our recently-launched *First Sunday Discussion Table*? We meet in Epworthian Hall during Fellowship Hour on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month, to share information and views about the Methodist Church. *All are welcome!* Please join us as we explore and learn about the church we belong to.



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## 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 JULY 2019

- **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
- **Tuesday, July 2, 2019:** Psalm 75; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Ephesians 5:6-20 OR Psalm 140; Jeremiah 3:15-18; Ephesians 5:6-20
- **Wednesday, July 3, 2019:** Psalm 75; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Matthew 10:16-25 OR Psalm 140; Jeremiah 23:16-22; Matthew 10:16-25
- **Thursday, July 4, 2019:** Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Romans 7:14-25 OR Psalm 66:1-9; 2 Kings 21:1-15; Romans 7:14-25
- **Friday, July 5, 2019:** Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:18-31; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 OR Psalm 66:1-9; Jeremiah 51:47-58; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- **Saturday, July 6, 2019:** Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:32-37; Luke 9:1-6 OR Psalm 66:1-9; Zechariah 14:10-21; Luke 9:1-6
- **Sunday, July 7, 2019: Proper 9 (14)**
- **Monday, July 8, 2019:** Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 19:21-27 OR Psalm 119:73-80; Jeremiah 6:10-19; Acts 19:21-27
- **Tuesday, July 9, 2019:** Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Acts 19:28-41 OR Psalm 119:73-80; Jeremiah 8:4-13; Acts 19:28-41
- **Wednesday, July 10, 2019:** Psalm 6; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Luke 10:13-16 OR Psalm 119:73-80; Joshua 23:1-16; Luke 10:13-16
- **Thursday, July 11, 2019:** Psalm 82; Amos 1:1-2:3; James 2:14-26 OR Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 41:14-36; James 2:14-26
- **Friday, July 12, 2019:** Psalm 82; Amos 2:4-11; Acts 7:9-16 OR Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 41:37-49; Acts 7:9-16
- **Saturday, July 13, 2019:** Psalm 82; Amos 2:12-3:8; John 3:16-21 OR Psalm 25:1-10; Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37; John 3:16-21
- **Sunday, July 14, 2019: Proper 10 (15)**
- **Monday, July 15, 2019:** Psalm 7; Amos 3:9-4:5; James 2:1-7 OR Psalm 25:11-20; Job 24:1-8; James 2:1-7
- **Tuesday, July 16, 2019:** Psalm 7; Amos 4:6-13; 1 John 3:11-17 OR Psalm 25:11-20; Proverbs 19:1-17; 1 John 3:11-17
- **Wednesday, July 17, 2019:** Psalm 7; Amos 5:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46 OR Psalm 25:11-20; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46
- **Thursday, July 18, 2019:** Psalm 52; Amos 5:10-17; Hebrews 5:1-6 OR Psalm 15; Genesis 12:10-20; Hebrews 5:1-6
- **Friday, July 19, 2019:** Psalm 52; Amos 5:18-27; Ephesians 3:14-21 OR Psalm 15; Genesis 13:1-18; Ephesians 3:14-21
- **Saturday, July 20, 2019:** Psalm 52; Amos 6:1-14; Luke 8:4-10 OR Psalm 15; Genesis 14:1-16; Luke 8:4-10
- **Sunday, July 21, 2019: Proper 11 (16)**
- **Monday, July 22, 2019:** Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 7:1-6; Colossians 1:27-2:7 OR Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 18:1-12; Colossians 1:27-2:7
- **Tuesday, July 23, 2019:** Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 8:13-9:4; 1 John 2:1-6 OR Psalm 119:97-104; Proverbs 9:1-18; 1 John 2:1-6
- **Wednesday, July 24, 2019:** Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 9:5-15; John 6:41-51 OR Psalm 119:97-104; Deuteronomy 12:1-12; John 6:41-51
- **Thursday, July 25, 2019:** Psalm 85; Hosea 4:1-19; Acts 1:15-20 OR Psalm 138; Esther 2:19-3:6; Acts 1:15-20
- **Friday, July 26, 2019:** Psalm 85; Hosea 5:1-15; Acts 2:22-36 OR Psalm 138; Esther 3:7-15; Acts 2:22-36
- **Saturday, July 27, 2019:** Psalm 85; Hosea 1:11-2:15; Luke 8:22-25 OR Psalm 138; Esther 4:1-17; Luke 8:22-25
- **Sunday, July 28, 2019: Proper 12 (17)**
- **Monday, July 29, 2019:** Psalm 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1 OR Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 5:1-14; Colossians 2:16-3:1
- **Tuesday, July 30, 2019:** Psalm 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Romans 9:30-10:4 OR Psalm 55:16-23; Ester 6:1-7:6; Romans 9:30-10:4
- **Wednesday, July 31, 2019:** Psalm 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matthew 5:43-48 OR Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 7:7-8:17; Matthew 5:43-48
- **Thursday, August 1, 2019:** Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 8:1-14; Romans 11:33-36 OR Psalm 49:1-12; Proverbs 23:1-11; Romans 11:33-36
- **Friday, August 2, 2019:** Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 9:1-17; OR Psalm 49:1-12; Proverbs 24:1-12; Ephesians 4:17-24
- **Saturday, August 3, 2019:** Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 10:1-15; Mark 10:17-22 OR Psalm 49:1-12; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; Mark 10:17-22
- **Sunday, August 4, 2019: Proper 13 (18)**



# JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<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>
<b>7</b> Worship 10:30 COMMUNION	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>11</b> TREE REMOVAL: Parking Lot will be BLOCKED	<b>12</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Women's Study Group
<b>14</b> Worship 10:30 ALL-CHURCH PICNIC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> TREE REMOVAL: Parking Lot will be BLOCKED	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 10:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>25</b> Golden Rule Worship Team	<b>26</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>27</b> Saturday Table
<b>28</b> Worship 10:30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Centering Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>8/1</b>	<b>8/2</b> Open Prayer 12-1pm Sanctuary	<b>8/3</b>

**SEND YOUR  
SUBMISSIONS  
FOR THE NEXT  
APPLESEED!**

**SEB UMC --> RUMMAGE SALE <-- WILL BE ON  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST -- COME AND GET YOUR  
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