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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE HERALD

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**ALL
NEW
VBS
2024**



June 24-28, 2024

5:00-8:00 pm

AN INTERGENERATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE At SVUMC

Classes for the ENTIRE family!

- Crafts, games, science projects, Bible stories, singing & movement for preschool, elementary and middle school kids
- A variety of workshops for adults (or sign up to volunteer! Training after worship on June 2)
- Dinner provided for all each night at 5:00 pm

Brochures with registration forms are in the church office. Registration costs for the week:

\$25 per child if paid before June 9th

\$30 per child if paid after June 9th

\$10 per adult

Dear Church,

The last several weeks have been crazy in so many different ways, but then again, ministry always seems to be crazy when the church is following its call. In the midst of the craziness graduation has snuck up upon me and this year I will watch my oldest walk across the stage to receive their diploma. Just yesterday I was graduating with my Master's degree, walking the stage with a one-year-old Theo in my arms to receive my degree. The last year of seminary, Theo went with me to at least one class a week, often sitting on a blanket in the back corner of the classroom while I listened to lectures and took notes.

In 18 years of life Theo has been by my side for worship services (spending their first Christmas Eve service in my arms as I preached), Bible studies, church meetings, office hours, and even prison visits. I remember taking Theo around a nursing home on Halloween in the cutest little lion costume, being the hit of everyone's day. Theo has been a part of my ministry through thick and thin and I could not be more thankful to God for such an amazing associate pastor.

Psalm 23 talks about goodness and mercy following us all the days of our life. Maybe we are called to carry goodness and mercy with us in the same way that I have carried Theo, Aidan, and Madison with me through my ministry journey, without bounds and without a need for justification. Maybe in such a way that changes those around us, bringing comfort and care to those lives we intersect with on our journey, even if it is just a moment.

Congratulations to all our graduates, at every level, and may we be inspired by each of you as to what we are carrying with us and who we are following along with.

Pastor Stacy



Come Worship With Us!



June 2nd

Acts 2:1-4, 14-21

Pastor Stacy Preaching

"With Great Power..."

Pentecost, Holy Communion
& Graduation Recognition

June 9th

MUSIC SUNDAY

June 16th

FATHER'S SUNDAY

Pastor Stacy Preaching

Exodus 18:1-2

"A Father's Strength"

June 23rd

Acts 8:4-12

Pastor Stacy Preaching

"Never Give Up"

June 30th

VBS Sunday

~UWF Events ~

Wednesday, June 5 Board Meeting @10am in the Chapel

July 12-14 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) Mission U will be held at Cal State Long Beach. Please mark your calendars. Scholarships are available. Contact Ruth Dempsey for more information.

Wednesday, July 17: Picnic in the Park at 11:30 am at Rancho Tapo Community Park (Lemon Park). Meet at the large pavilion with a sack lunch.

June Circle Meetings

- Circle of Joy will meet on Wednesday, June 12, at 11:30 am at Yolanda's.
- Seekers Circle will meet at noon on Monday, June 17 in the chapel.
- Night Owls Circle will meet Tuesday, June 18, at 7:00 pm in the chapel.
- Circle of Faith will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at noon at a restaurant TBD.
- Teresa Circle will meet each month to visit those who are homebound.

All-Church Pancake Breakfast

Come by anytime
between 8:45-9:45 am
Sunday, June 16th

Join us for a tasty hot
breakfast with all the fixin's
*Suggested \$5 donation to
the UMM*



We're Looking for a Few Good Men!

Check out the United Methodist Men for a mix of camaraderie, outings and service projects! Help with pancake breakfasts, the occasional BBQ, nonprofit support, and enjoy Wednesday morning donut fellowship! Men of all ages are welcome. Contact Chuck McKee for more info!

Monthly meeting after church on June 9th!

Newly elected board:
Rich Reynolds, President
Chuck McKee, VP
Tony Elliott, Treasurer



Weekday Lunch Bunch

Drumming Class by Body Brain Train

Wednesday, June 12th @ 11:00 am in Witman Hall
~Lunch to follow at Toppers~

18 spots available—open until filled. Call the church office to reserve! *Donations to Body Brain Train accepted.*

JUNE NEWS

IT'S TIME TO START THE PARTY!!!

TRAINING MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND & VBS IS JUNE 24TH-28TH FROM 5-8PM

CAMP SEE ME

STARTS THIS MONTH!!!
SPEND ONE WEEK OR ALL TEN WEEKS HANGING OUT AND HAVING FUN WITH FRIENDS WITH THEMED WEEKLY PROGRAMMING AND FUN ACTIVITIES! 🍷🎉

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
POOL PARTY @ THE
PENROD'S
SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST
3-6PM
RSVP TO JUNE

UMYF SCHEDULE

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS
JUNE 2ND - BURGER BASH THEN VBS TRAINING
JUNE 9TH - MUSIC SUNDAY
JUNE 30TH - VBS SUNDAY
*PLEASE NOTE- FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, ALL UMYF MEETINGS WILL BE AT 11:30 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUTH OR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CONTACT MS BECKY @
FREEDOMTAKE2@GMAIL.COM





June at CrossRoads Children's Center

Summer is HERE! June 1st is CrossRoads Children's Center's 32nd birthday! We will start our summer program off with a

celebration, which will include a jolly jumper and ice cream! This month's adventures at CrossRoads will include a bubble show, a fundraiser at Slice House on Tuesday, June 11th, and a Donut Date, just to name a few. Summer months at CrossRoads are filled with lots of smiles and laughter!

Mrs. Michelle Gordon, Principal

"Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about."
~John Mayer



Did you know that you can help our youth program by shopping at Ralphs?

Just sign in to your Ralphs account and, under "My Account," click on the Community Contributions tile. There you can link your Ralphs card number to: **account #ER368 Simi Valley United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

You may have signed up for this in the past, but please check to ensure your account is still linked. Every bit helps! Over the Years, Ralphs has contributed over \$5,500 to the youth program!

Save the Date!

MUSIC SUNDAY
June 9th, 2024



As we move into summer, some of our regular activities will take a break. Thursday Night Live and Parents' Night Out will be back in August with the new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in our Children's Ministry programs this year including Wonderful Wednesdays, Thursday Night Live, Cherub Choir and weekly Sunday school. These programs would not happen without the help of our volunteers: Lauren Freyling, Tevita Inoke, Erin Alexander, Jasmine Austria, & Michelle Gordon. I couldn't do this without you. The children & I are so blessed by your participation. Thank you for the dedication, time, and love that you pour into Children's Ministry! We love you!!!

Ms Becky



June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Pentecost Sunday Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Burger Bash 11:30 am VBS Training 11:30 am UMYF	3	4 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm SPRC	5 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up 10:00 am UWF Board Meeting 5:00 pm Kidz Bells	6 7:30 am Walking Group 5:30 pm Adult Ensemble Bells 6:00 pm Adult Bells 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm Youth Bells	7 <i>Church Office closes at Noon</i>	1 8:00 am All Church Work Day 3:00 pm Children's Ministries Pool Party
9 Music Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am UMM meeting 11:30 am UMYF	10 Camp See Me begins	11 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Youth Leaders	12 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up 11:00 am Lunch Bunch/Drumming 11:30 am Circle of Joy 7:00 pm Trustees	13 7:30 am Walking Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	14 <i>Church Office closes at Noon</i>	15 3:00 pm Memorial Service for Lynne O'Hanlon 4:00 pm Dinner Church Set-Up 5:00 pm Dinner Church Serving
16 Father's Day 8:45 am UMM Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am UMYF	17 12:00 pm Seekers Circle	18 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm CrossRoads Advisory 7:00 pm Night Owls	19 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up 1:00 pm Outreach 12:00 pm Circle of Faith 1:00 pm Outreach 6:00 pm Worship Team	20 7:30 am Walking Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	21 <i>Church Office closes at Noon</i> 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Nancy Schultz	22 8:00 am Giving Garden Work Day 11:00 am Memorial Service for Sandra Burrington
23 Recycle Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am UMYF	24 5:00 pm VBS	25 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm VBS	26 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up Lunch & Family Feud 5:00 pm VBS	27 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Intergenerational Olympics 5:00 pm VBS	28 <i>Church Office closes at Noon</i> 5:00 pm VBS	29
30 VBS Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am UMYF						



6/1 Kalo Inoke
 6/3 Pam Jewell
 Debbie Kruetzfeldt
 6/4 Marion Cairns
 Gloria McManus
 6/5 Kathryn Harada
 6/6 Kaitlyn Sponable
 6/8 Caden Hill
 6/11 Erin Anderson
 6/12 Aidan Dickson
 Kimi Garbo
 Colleen McManus
 6/14 Katie Foster
 6/15 Mike Garbo
 6/16 Christine East
 Daniel Greene
 Fred Winckler
 6/18 Willem Shuster
 6/19 Tyler Glover
 Robin Ouimette
 6/20 Ryan Aragonas
 6/21 Keith Heins
 6/24 Claudia West
 6/25 Kimberly Farr
 6/26 Scott Chandley
 6/27 Sherry Fischer
 Lynn Lopez
 Nicholas West
 6/28 Jeremy Bunya
 Frits Kitzmann
 6/29 Joyce Martin
 Bob Post
 6/30 Luther Cockrill



6/5 Rochelle & Chris Hill
 6/9 Ed & Martina McRae
 6/11 Ashley & Greg Trala
 6/12 Lew & Mary Fry
 6/21 Don & Marilyn Cameron
 6/27 Sam & Cathy Allison
 Barbie & Gary Michaelson
 6/29 James & Sondra Adair
 Melissa & Philip Carter
 Bob & Debbie Post
 6/30 Scott & Theresa Chandley



*We mourn the passing of
 Sheila Millard on April 29th
 Nancy Schultz on May 19th
 Lynne O'Hanlon on May 26th*

Prayer Requests

Please submit prayer requests via phone call or email to the church office (svumcinfo@pacbell.net), or by text to Pastor Stacy. Be sure to include which ways you would like your prayer lifted:

1. In the weekly prayer e-mail
2. During Joys and Concerns in worship
3. In Pastor Stacy's daily prayers



Our Attendance

In Church

Online

4/28	107	48
5/5	115	42
5/12	105	46
5/19	125	42

HOSTING A MEETING?
Please leave the room as you found it: heat/AC off, lights off, trash out.
Thank you!

RECYCLE SUNDAY: June 23rd

Bring in your plastic & glass bottles and aluminum cans for our youth to recycle!



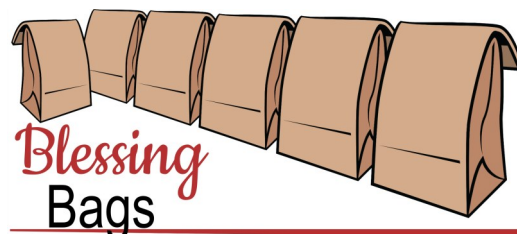
Blessing Bag Update from the Outreach Committee

We distributed Blessing Bags to our Feeding Church guests in April, and they were a big hit. There were so many smiles of surprise and happiness when we gave them out. Many thanks to all who donated nonperishable food items to make

this possible. We have some supplies left over but are asking for additional donations so we can continue the project.

We could really use: snack size tuna or chicken packs, small cans of Vienna sausages or beans, small bottles of water, juice boxes and/or dried fruit snacks, peanut butter or cheese and cracker snacks.

These can be placed in the Blessing Bag basket in the Narthex. Thank you!



Newsletter Deadline: Monday, June 10

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First Sunday Burger Bash—June 2nd

After worship on the First Sunday of each month, the grill is sizzling! Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks will be served up at Witman Hall along with good fellowship.

Donations help cover the cost of the meal. Extra money raised helps fund youth missions.

Calling all Singers!

Wanting to sing but can't do midweek rehearsals? Not to worry—Summer Choir might be just what you've been looking for! Meet us in the Chapel Sunday mornings at 9am to learn a simple anthem and sing it in worship. That's it!

Going on vacation? No problem. This is a drop-in choir. Come when you can. Think you're too young? Too old? Nonsense! All singers in high school and up are welcome.

Summer Choir begins July 7th.
Join us!

Lisa Wall-Urgero

Director of Music Ministries



Silver & Gold Intergenerational Olympics

**All ages are welcome to join
in the summertime fun!**

**Thursdays 1-3 pm in
Witman Hall**

6/27 Ping Pong

7/11 Shuffleboard

7/18 Cornhole

7/25 Connect 4

8/1 Uno