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**ANNUAL FALL
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

**Friday, October 11th 10 am - 5pm
Saturday, October 12th 10 am - 3 pm**

**BAKE SALE, LUNCHEON,
GIFTS GALORE!**

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Annual Charge Conference & Potluck

Our Annual Charge Conference is a moment each year to celebrate what we have accomplished through our ministry, and to attend to the annual business of the church.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, October 20 at 11:30 am in Witman Hall. Our District Superintendent, Garth Gilliam, will be joining us.

We'll kick off the meeting with a Potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share!



During this meeting we will elect our leadership for 2025, approve the pastor's salary, present a preliminary 2025 budget, and other important business. *Committee Chairs & Staff: Please email reports to svumc@pacbell.net by end of day Sunday, October 6.*

OCTOBER WORSHIP



SCRIPTURE & SERMONS

OCT. 6- WORLD COMMUNION

"Remember"

Luke 22:1-23

Exodus 16:1-18

Pastor Stacy Preaching

OCT. 13

"Release"

Matthew 19:16-22

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Pastor Stacy Preaching

OCT. 20

"Reimagine"

Mark 12:38-44

Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

Pastor Stacy Preaching

OCT. 27- COMMITMENT SUNDAY

"Restore"

John 21:1-19

Genesis 33:1-17

Pastor Stacy Preaching

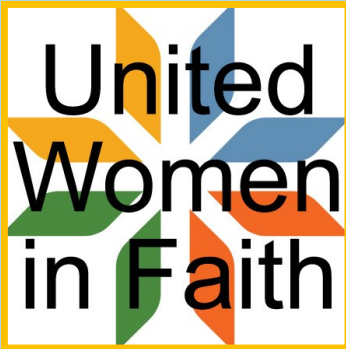
October Theme

For our Stewardship Campaign this year, "Money Stories," we will look at God's story of liberation and love throughout the Old & New Testament, seeing how God has provided for His people. We will then look at our stories of God's provision & love.

Each week in worship we will add different symbolic elements to our stewardship banner, marking our journey with God through hands-on elements. A prompt to think about will be available in the Friday e-mail to be thinking about what word(s) you would like to add to the banner, related to the topic of the week.

SERMON NOTES

If you would like to be able to take notes on the sermon each week, there are now "SERMON NOTES" sheets available in the Narthex.



UWF ~ Looking Ahead

- ♦ Wednesday, October 2 @10 am: UWF Board Meeting in the Chapel
- ♦ Friday & Saturday, October 11-12: **Fall Boutique** (10-5 Friday, 10-3 Saturday)

UWF Circles

Circle of Joy will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 12:30 at the home of Allie Quina, 1578 Fitzgerald Road.

Night Owls will meet Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm in the chapel.

Circle of Faith will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at noon at the home of Laura Hole, 2848 Waterfall Lane.

Seekers Circle will meet at noon on Monday, October 21 in the chapel.

Teresa Circle will meet each month to visit those who are homebound.



Men's News

All men of the church welcome!

Sunday, October 13 at 11:30 am: Informal monthly UMM meeting in Little Witman Hall

Wednesdays at 8:00 am:
Donut meetup at Huddle Hall (southeast corner of the parking lot). Drop by and hang out!



Weekday Lunch Bunch

- ⇒ Join Pastor Stacy and Carol Conner on Thursday, October 3rd at 11:30 am.
- ⇒ Enjoy lunch together, plus Bunco!



HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!!!

UMYF Weekly Schedule

October 6th - Burger Bash after worship
- UMYF 6pm
October 13th - UMYF 6pm
October 20th - UMYF 6pm
October 27th - 4-5pm Trunk or Treat
- 5-7pm Clean up, dinner,
and game night!

Program Theme for October:



In this series, we will take a deep dive into what it looks like for Christians to handle conflict in a healthy, respectful way. We will talk about topics such as reconciliation, peace, confrontation, and what to do when all else fails!

Children's Ministry



October Sunday School: There are a lot of choices that we need to make in life. Some of those choices can help us grow and shape us positively. Others can pull us in different directions, leaving us struggling to figure out which choice is best. What do we do when we're confronted with all of these choices? Do we rush ahead? Or do we pause and let God lead us toward the best way to act? Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit.

It's one of the ways we can tell that God is transforming our lives and that we're growing in our faith. Thankfully, we don't have to find self-control on our own. When we follow Jesus, God's Spirit is with us and helps us make the wise choice.

Memory Verse- "God has given us everything we need to live a Godly life." 2 Peter 1:3

Monthly Virtue- Self-Control - Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to

TNL - Thursday Night Live is back!
Join us on Thursday Nights 5-6pm in the Fireside Room for games, crafts, fellowship, and fun!

UPDATE FOR YOUTH RECYCLING SUNDAY

OUR 4TH SUNDAY RECYCLING WILL STILL TAKE PLACE BUT IT WILL HAPPEN IN A NEW AND MORE MANAGEABLE WAY! SIMPLY DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE AROUND TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT. YOUTH WILL HAVE A STATION SET UP AND HELP TRANSPORT THE RECYCLING FROM YOUR VEHICLE TO OUR SORTING STATION. YOUR DONATIONS OF PLASTIC AND ALUMINUM HELP SUPPORT YOUTH MIINISTRY AND MISSIONS

JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT

October 27th | 4PM - 5PM

Dress-up in your costume and join us for Trunk or Treating, Games, & Crafts



October at CrossRoads Children's Center

We are excited to prepare our classrooms for Fall Open House at on Tuesday, October 22nd, the same day as our Toppers Pizza fundraiser. We also start our Butter Braid Bread sales this month. This is our 14th year selling this tasty pastry! They will be delivered in time for the holidays.



On October 9th, I will celebrate my 18th "workiversary" here at CrossRoads. I am very blessed to be here and so thankful for God's plan. I couldn't have done it without my family, my staff, CrossRoads students and their families, the church congregation, the advisory council, and of course, God!

—Mrs. Michelle Gordon, Principal



Regular Sunday Schedule

9:45 am Childcare opens

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School (children begin in the Sanctuary, then led to Sunday School after Children's Time)

11:00 am Children's Choir practice

11:00 am Coffee Hour

6:00 pm UMYF (Youth Group)

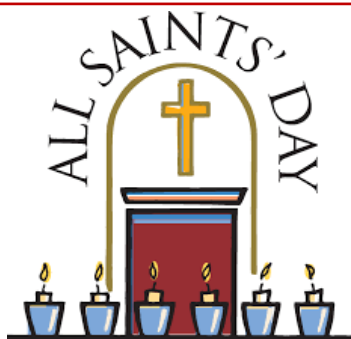


**IN THE MUSIC ROOM 11:00 - 11:30AM
BEGINNING OCTOBER 13, 2024**

**Come sing with the
Children's Choir!**

For singers 2nd through 5th grade

email Ms. Lisa for more info:
vocalisa@live.com



All Saints Sunday is November 3rd

*If you would like your loved ones
added to the remembrance list,
please contact the church office at
(805) 526-6231 or email
svumc@pacbell.net*



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 Friday e-mail
2. During Joys & Concerns in worship
3. In Pastor Stacy's daily prayers

THANKS
be to
GOD



It's Butter Braid Time!

Michelle will be on the church patio after worship on **October 13th, 20th & 27th** taking orders for Butter Braid breads.

Each pastry is \$16, and year's flavors include Apple, Bavarian Cream, Cinnamon, 4 Cheese w/Herb, Raspberry, & Strawberry w/cream cheese.

The frozen Butter Braid orders will be distributed after church on **November 24th**, just in time for Thanksgiving gatherings!

Church members may alternatively come to the school office to pick up their items on Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd.

**CrossRoads will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Wednesday, November 27th-Friday, November 29th.*



	~ Attendance ~	
	<u>In Church</u>	<u>Online</u>
8/25	98	24
9/1	133	24
9/8	96	37
9/15	103	24
9/22	100	30

- 10/3 Darrell Austria
Barbara Brown
Dillon Stites
- 10/4 Nancy Reyes
- 10/6 Jill Fernando
Wesley Sandoval
- 10/7 Debbie Post
- 10/8 Wesson Garbo
Laura Jean Hole
Stu Thomson
- 10/9 Patrick Brennan
- 10/10 Alexandra Keene
Jessica Ross
- 10/15 Josh Gordon
- 10/17 Carol Walden
- 10/18 Susan Heteniak
Ardis Jay
- 10/20 Gary Bodkins
Kathy Hobiger
- 10/22 David Wayne, Jr.
Jivankumar Zinto
- 10/23 Sam Allison
Astrid Aragones
JJ Wayne
- 10/25 Melissa Allison
- 10/26 Kaelyn Motzel
Judy Orozco
- 10/27 Cheryl Williams
- 10/28 Joshua Greene
- 10/29 Steve Olhrich
- 10/30 Dee Tingstrom



- 10/6 Linda & Tom Lange
- 10/10 Diane & Robert Alexander
- 10/11 Gary & Pam Keene
- 10/12 Corrine Lightfoot &
Dylan Dutka

Committee Meetings

SPRC: Tues., October 1 @7:00 pm, Chapel

Finance: Tues., October 8 @7:00 pm Chapel

Youth Leaders: Tues., October 8 @ 7:00 pm, Jr. High room

Trustees: Wed., October 9 @7:00 pm Chapel

CrossRoads Advisory: Tues., October 15 @5:30 pm Chapel



*Take
Note!*

Starting October 1, the Walking Group will head out from the church parking lot at 8:00 am instead of 7:30 am. Come join in!



**Join us for
1st Sunday
Burger Bash
October 6
In Witman hall
after worship**

Donations gratefully accepted to benefit youth missions



**DEADLINE:
Friday, October 11**

Newsletter Articles

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Recycle Sunday is now a drive-thru!

Every 4th Sunday,
beginning on **October 27**,
bring your recyclables to
benefit our youth group!

Enter from the Cochran
entrance and look for the
easy up in the east parking
lot. **Youths will be
standing by to unload
recyclables from your
trunk!**

Clean CA Redemption value
items (beverage cans and
plastic beverage bottles
marked with "CA CRV") are
best. No glass please.

The drive-thru will be open
before and after church, but
bagged recyclables labeled
"UMYF" may be dropped
into our enclosure anytime.
Thank you!

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

GAMES - CRAFTS - CANDY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 4-5 PM

PLEASE CONTACT MS. BECKY IF YOU'D
LIKE TO SIGN UP TO DECORATE YOUR
CAR'S TRUNK AND/OR DONATE CANDY!

The graphic features a dark purple background with orange and green text. It includes illustrations of a ghost holding a jack-o'-lantern, a witch, a pumpkin, and a bat.

YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

THURS., OCT. 17TH 8PM

Calling all interested Young Adult
Participants and Adult Leaders to
gather for a meeting to begin
planning for a Young Adult Mission
Trip to Hawaii to help build a new
home for a family in need.
Contact Pastor Stacy with questions.