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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE HERALD

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SUMMER AT SVUMC

Thursday, July 11th

Intergenerational Olympics (Shuffleboard)
from 1:00-3:00pm in Witman Hall
Church in the Community
Regal Center Courtyard
5:00-8:00pm

Sunday, July 14th

Summer Themed Burger Bash After Worship
Burgers, Dogs, Watermelon, Roasted Corn on the Cob

Thursday, July 18th 1:00-3:00pm

Intergenerational Olympics
Cornhole Tournament in Witman Hall (with AC)

Sunday, July 21st 5:00-7:00pm

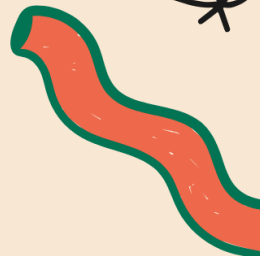
Church Family Feud & Potluck Dinner
This is for all ages

Thursday, July 25th

Connect Four Olympics from 1:00-3:00pm
Church in the Community Picnic & Play at
Rancho Tapo (Lemon) Park 5:00-8:00pm

Sunday, July 28th

Christmas in July
Dress with Christmas spirit, sing Christmas songs,
& enjoy Christmas cookies on the patio.



WORSHIP THIS MONTH @ SVUMC

**IN JULY CHILDREN
WILL STAY IN
WORSHIP AND WE
WILL HAVE OUR
SUMMER CHOIR.**

july 7

Drama Sunday
"The Way We Pray"
Based on
Matthew 6:9-13, 25-34
Holy Communion

july 21

"Family Feuds"
Pastor Stacy
Preaching
Genesis 4:3-8

august 4

Drama Sunday
Jazz Music Sunday
Holy Communion

july 14

"When the Heat
Turns Up"
Pastor Stacy
Preaching
Daniel 3:16-28

july 28

Christmas in
July
Dress for
Christmas
Pastor Stacy
Preaching

Dear Friends,

Christmas is an amazing and joyous celebration and as such, should not be limited to a once-a-year celebration. This is why we will be celebrating Christmas in July on July 28th (the closest Sunday to the 25th). Christmas in July is a tradition first celebrated in the late 1930s and will be the inspiration for our worship and coffee hour that day. Wear a festive outfit, be ready to sing Christmas hymns and songs, don't be surprised if some snow shows up, and join us in making gingerbread houses in the Chapel after worship with a frozen hot chocolate and plate of Christmas cookies. IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT SVUMC!

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Stacy





MUSIC SUNDAY IS A WRAP

AI is all the rage right now and I admit, I got curious. So I asked AI to generate a thank you to all those that partnered in making Music Sunday a success and here's what it generated:

Dear Music Ministry, Your harmonious melodies and soul-stirring performances on Music Sunday filled our hearts with joy and gratitude. Thank you for sharing your incredible talent and enriching our worship experience.

Not bad, right? I wish I had thought of that! That said, thanks is due not only to our musicians, but also those who support us and make this Music Ministry possible: Pastor Stacy and our office staff, our tech crew, all the volunteers who give of their time in music and behind the scenes, and finally, our congregation.

As Pastor Stacy would say, "Amen?" And all the people said, "Amen!"

After a busy and meaningful year of making music for worship, the **Chancel Choir**, like all the other choirs, ended its season on June 23 after worship. Thursday night rehearsals resume August 29th, 7:00– 8:30pm.


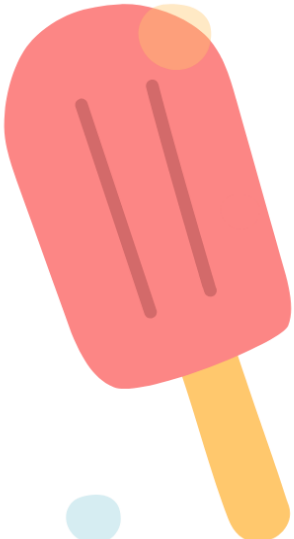
Thinking choir might be fun? Come try **Summer Choir** first! No long-term commitment; drop in any Sunday— or all of them! Show up at the Chapel any Sunday morning at 9am starting July 7 through August and learn a song to sing in worship together! No robes. Plenty of fun.

—Lisa Wall-Urgero, Director of Music Ministries





JULY NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY





THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY, THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE PACKETS AND ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE DURING WORSHIP. THEY CAN EARN PRIZES FOR COMPLETING EACH PACKET :) STAY TUNED FOR A DATE OF OUR BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY IN AUGUST!

YOUTH MINISTRY



JULY 7 - NO UMYF HAPPY 4TH!!!
JULY 14TH - BURGER BASH AFTER WORSHIP THEN UMYF
JULY 21ST - FAMILY FEUD POTLUCK
COME WITH YOUR FAMILY OR ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF FELLOW YOUTH
JULY 28TH - UMYF @ 6PM



FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUTH OR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
CONTACT MS. BECKY @
FREEDOMTAKE2@GMAIL.COM



July at CrossRoads Children's Center

We're going to have another great and busy month at CrossRoads! There is lots to do and lots to be done! June was filled with lots of fun activities, and July will be, too. Some themes for July are Patriotic, Hawaiian, Rainbow, and Crazy Week! We have fun activities planned with some themed snacks, too. It is such a joy to see the children having a great time learning and having a blast!

Our summer program is thriving, with 76 children currently enrolled, a testament to the growing popularity and success of our initiatives. We've also welcomed two new children this month, adding to the vibrancy of our community.

—Mrs. Michelle Gordon, Principal



~UWF Events ~

♦ July 12-14 Mission U will be held at Cal State Long Beach. Contact Ruth Dempsey to coordinate carpools.

- ♦ Circles will not be meeting during the month of July.
- ♦ Wednesday, July 17: Picnic in the Park at 11:30 am at Rancho Tapo Community Park (Lemon Park). Meet at the large pavilion. The Night Owls circle is collecting backpacks and school supplies. You may bring them with you along with your lunch and beverage!



Men's News



July 14th: United Methodist Men's meeting—all men of the church welcome! Grab a burger at Burger Bash after worship and meet in "Little" Witman

July 6th
All-Church Work
Day moved to
August 3rd. Enjoy
your holiday
weekend!

HOSTING A MEETING?

Please leave the
room as you found
it: AC off, lights off,
trash out.

Thank you!

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

9:00 a.m. Summer Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship service including ASL signing
No Sunday School for elementary ages. Worship
packets will be available in the Narthex. Childcare
available for infants through kindergarten in the
Garden Room starting at 9:45 am.

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship



July 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 11:30 am Vitalant Blood Drive (until 2:30) | 2 7:30 am Walking Group | 3 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up | 4 Independence Day Church Office & CrossRoads closed | 5 Church Office closes at Noon | 6 |
| 7 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Summer Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour | 8 | 9 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Youth Leaders | 10 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Marilyn Cameron | 11 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Intergenerational Olympics 5:00 pm Church in the Community @ Regal Courtyard | 12 Church Office closes at Noon UWF Mission U @Cal State Long Beach through Sunday | 13 8:00 am Giving Garden Work Day |
| 14 9:00 am Summer Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Burger Bash 11:30 am United Methodist Men Meeting 11:30 am UMYF | 15 | 16 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm CrossRoads Advisory | 17 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up 11:30 am UWF Picnic @Lemon Park | 18 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Intergenerational Olympics | 19 Church Office closes at Noon | 20 4:00 pm Dinner Church Set-Up 5:00 pm Dinner Church Serving |
| 21 9:00 am Summer Choir 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Hour 5:00 pm Family Feud & Potluck | 22 | 23 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Ad Council | 24 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up | 25 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Intergenerational Olympics 5:00 pm Church in the Community @ Rancho Tapo (Lemon) Park | 26 Church Office closes at Noon | 27 8:00 am Giving Garden Work Day |
| 28 Recycle Sunday Christmas in July 9:00 am Summer Choir 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Hour 6:00 pm UMYF | 29 11:30 am UCLA Blood Drive (until 4:30) | 30 7:30 am Walking Group 1:00 pm Bible Study | 31 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet-Up | | | |



7/2 Allie Quina
 7/3 Josh Austria
 Chuck McKee
 Jessica Shamam
 7/4 Ammie Kahl
 7/5 Charles Cockrill
 Linda Seck
 7/6 Nicole Whaley
 7/7 Cathy Allison
 7/9 Cal Medley
 7/10 Gel Austria
 7/11 Marni Brown
 Joyce Harding
 Casey Hayden
 7/13 Laura Ramos
 7/14 Hannah McKee
 7/15 Anna McAlister
 7/17 Nacho Lopez
 Mary Patch
 7/18 Joel McManus
 7/20 Dennis O'Hanlon
 Sandra Stephens
 Paul Witman
 7/21 Lauren Freyling
 Nick Sandoval
 7/24 Cheryl West
 7/25 Shalini Zinto
 7/26 Victoria Lopez
 7/29 Sharon Harman
 7/30 Rochelle Hill
 7/31 Becky Valenzuela



7/5 Gel and Dolly Austria
 Gary & Ildiko Scott
 7/11 Dave & Erin Newman
 7/14 Jeff & Debi Jewell
 7/17 Emily & Michael Burdine
 7/21 Michelle & Josh Gordon
 7/22 Mike & Kimi Garbo
 7/27 Chris & Marcia Reyes

We mourn the passing of
 Lynne O'Hanlon on May 26th
 ~and~

Marilyn Cameron on June 24th



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



In Church

Online

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| 5/26 | 86 | 34 |
| 6/2 | 121 | 26 |
| 6/9 | 179 | 25 |
| 6/16 | 127 | 30 |
| 6/23 | 82 | 40 |

Thank you from the Outreach Committee



Many thanks to everyone for their
 ongoing contributions to both the
 Samaritan Center and to our
 Blessing Bag mission.

Your generosity is greatly
 appreciated!

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, July 8

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If you have volunteered at
SVUMC this year,
SAVE THE DATE!

*Volunteer Appreciation
Dinner*

September 22nd

Appetizers, dinner & dessert

Musical entertainment

More info to come!

17th Annual Hunger Walk a Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Hunger Walk. We had 28 people and 3 dogs walking! Everyone had a wonderful time and we raised \$3,798.40. Thank you to our daily walkers, Cheryl, Bridget and Helen, and to Diane in the office for her help.

A special thank you to Erlinda Aragones for raising \$1,440, and to Jeff Brown for raising \$839.33. Another amazing day!

—Nancy Reyes

No Pancakes!

The United Methodist Men are taking a break from serving Pancake Breakfasts this summer, but here's what they have planned instead:

July 21st—Root Beer Floats after worship

August 18th—Ice Cream Social after worship

Thank you United Methodist Men!



RECYCLE SUNDAY: July 28

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