

Outreach

News About People

Prayers of healing for Robert Scott who was hospitalized with blood clots in his leg, as well as for Sally Alvis, Mark Kemp, and Kathryn DeFay, who have had surgeries in the last month. Prayers of strength for Mike Wood who is being treated for a rare form of cancer. And prayers of support for Florence O'Conner who has begun Hospice Care.

Leadership Meeting

There will be a meeting for all leaders of the church on January 10th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on the ministry of the church in 2018. There will be a time for strategizing about next steps in ministry. There are various areas of ministry to be discussed: children and younger adults, ministry with men, prayer, faith sharing, newcomer welcome. All are encouraged to attend.

Leadership Recognition Sunday

The new 2018 church officers and committee members will be honored on January 21st during the worship service. Please come and offer your support and encouragement to our church leaders.

Sign-up Sunday

January 21st is Sign-up Sunday. The Church Council is sponsoring this Sunday to sign-up for liturgists, fellowship time hosts and flower donors for 2018. There will be inserts in the bulletins during the month of January on which congregation members can write down their preferences before the 21st. Our goal is to fill as many Sundays as possible so that we can be ready for a successful year of ministry together. We know that ministry is more fun with more people involved. So, please sign-up!

Human Relations Sunday, January 14th

A special offering will be taken on January 14th for Human Relations Sunday. This is one of "six special church-wide Sundays with offerings celebrated in each United Methodist Church" as required by *The Book of Discipline 2008*. Your offering on Human Relations Day, the Sunday before the birthday observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Please give generously. Your gift makes a world of difference!

Church News

Ross and Gladys Hanna

Community 2018 Concert Series

Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet,

February 11th , 6:00 p.m.

The 2018 Concert Series will begin with a performance by the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet, five extraordinary young musicians. The quintet has preformed at major jazz festivals across the country, and has toured Spain through the U.S. State Department. They won the best collegiate jazz group in 2016 from DownBeat. Invite friends and neighbors to join us for a great evening of jazz. Tickets are now available.

Adults: \$10

Children (under 11): \$5

Spring Season tickets: \$30 adults
 \$15 children
Series Tickets: \$60 adults
 \$30 children

March 11th-

Tree-o, a trio of musicians from Davis who play folk Americana

April 8th-

Real Magic with Magician ,Jon Lopez

Food Fight

Thank you to all who participated so enthusiastically in this year's Food Fight. It was fun, exciting, and very successful. We, together, contributed so much to Christmas food program in Dixon.

Calvin's Cupboard Luther's Larder

2,794.9 lbs. 2,402.0 lbs.

Difference of 392.9lbs

525.5 more than last year!

What an AWESOME gift to give.

We ALL did it TOGETHER!

Monthly Food Offering

Remember! The first Sunday of the month is Food Offering Sunday. Please bring food items, laundry detergent, paper products, and toiletries on January 7th and place them in the offering bin.

Mark your Calendars for Hymn Sing Sunday

On January 21st, at the 10:a.m. worship service, we will celebrate our second annual Hymn Sing Sunday. We will have a whole service dedicated to hymns requested by congregation members over the last year. In addition to the hymns, there will be a presentation by Gideons International. There will also be a luncheon to follow with a free-will donation to support our Music Ministry Fund.

Church Birthday Party

There will be an All Church Birthday Party on February 11th for all birthdays. Congregation members will join together for lunch around tables with other people of their birthday month. Cakes will be provided and everyone will join in the fun of decoration. This will be a potluck lunch. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches or salads for the potluck. There will be more information about this event in the February Outreach.



Children & Youth

Children's Ministry **Sunday Morning Schedule** **for Children**

10:00am Worship with Children's Story and Children's Songs in Community Singing

11:00am Fellowship Time

11:30am Sunday School: Deep Blue

11:45am Kids Choir

DIVE INTO DEEP BLUE

Deep Blue, is a Sunday School curriculum for children. Based on the award-winning Deep Blue Kids Bible, this new awe-inspiring resource for children includes adventures, exciting experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games, all combined into a living faith experience that will help discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today!

Children's Sunday School Themes

January 7	The Visitors From the East
January 14	A Voice in the Wilderness
January 21	Jesus and the Children
January 28	A Boy's Lunch

Children's Pageant Thank You

Thank you to all of the children who participated in this year's Children's Christmas Pageant. Each one put themselves into their part, and gave a true gift to the whole congregation.

And thank you to all the adults who supported the children, with special thanks to the following

Jana Gabby, Co-Director & Accompanist

Erin Brothers, Music Director

Janyne Reckner, Costumes

Kids' Choir

The kids' did a magical job with their Christmas presentation! And thanks to some suggestions from our wonderful kids, I have been doing a lot of looking for great songs for this coming season. I can't wait to hear what they think! On January 21st, the kids will be singing ***Who Did Swallow Jonah?*** It is a fun song that goes through the Jonah story, touching on God's saving grace. Kids Choir rehearsals after Sunday School at 11:45 upstairs. Encourage your kids to come up and sing during the Kids Songs after, to boost their confidence!

Christmas Pageant Mission Luncheon Report

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for Mission Luncheon on December 10th. We were able to raise \$553.00 for The Lord's Mountain Orphanage in Zambia.

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School: 11:30am **Sunday School Class** **Claim the Life**

Youth will explore key words (or phrases) from the Bible that help us understand the foundation of faith and how they guide us each day.

January 7th-Peaceful

January 14th-Consecrated

January 21st-Justice

January 28th-Require

UMYF Thursday Schedule

Thursday Meetings: January ,11,18,25

6:00 p.m.-Dinner & Devotions

7:00 p.m.-Group Activities

8:00 p.m.-Dismissal

January Events

Credo Youth Confirmation

The first unit of Credo, ***Live Your Commitment***, will be offered the first week of January. All youth are invited to participate in this learning experience that will prepare them to either make or confirm their baptismal promises, and become full members of the church. Credo will be held on Thursday, January 4th and Friday, January 5th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Cathy Morris.

Bowling Night and Sleepover, **January 5th**

All youth are invited to the annual Bowling Night in Davis, followed by a sleepover on January 5th, starting at 7 p.m. For more information contact Pastor Cathy Morris.

Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School

When Christians Get It Wrong

January 7th-February 4th

In this intriguing study Adam Hamilton focuses on the great numbers of younger people who are opting out of Christianity. Some of them call themselves "spiritual but not religious." They struggle with what they see as the attitude of the church to issues such as injecting religion into politics, judging people of other faiths, being condemning of homosexuals, or rejecting science. The book gives guidance on how we may start to "get it right" and be more able to be compelling and understanding witnesses to Christ for those who are put off by what they have experienced or heard about Christians. Let's learn how to better reach out to this generation of people, who may be lost to faith entirely if we do not learn to understand them more clearly.

Vanishing Grace- What Ever Happened to the Good News

February 18th-March 18th

This will be our study for Lent 2018. Author Phillip Yancy explores the desperate need of our world for grace. He grieves over the fact that many do not see good news in Christianity and stirs us with his guidance on how we may be a part of changing those perceptions by truly offering the grace that some have been missing. The session titles include: We've Got Problems, What Can We Do About It, Who Are the Grace Dispensers, Is It Really Good News?, and Holy Subversives.

DISCIPLE Bible Study Schedule

Tuesday Morning Disciple-9:30 a.m.

First Group Session:

Location: Church

Leader: Pastor Cathy Morris

Tuesday Evening Disciple-6:30 p.m.

First Group Session:

Location: Church

Leader: Pastor Cathy Morris

Adult Faith Formation

Faith Formation Small Groups

Wesleyan Fellowship Group

Wesleyan Fellowship Groups of four or five people are forming. Groups members encourage one another in a life of faith. The groups will work together over a period of two years engaging in spiritual reflection and developing lives of service and generosity. These Wesleyan Fellowship Groups are for those who have completed an in-depth study and are ready for a new type of faith formation experience

New Supper Groups Forming

Starting in February, new monthly Supper Groups will begin. Interested congregation members will be assigned to groups, and then each group will set it's own schedule. Sign-up sheets will be in the bulletins in January, For more information, contact Pam Cozzoli, Audrey Madden or the church office.

DUMM Think Tank

DUMM Think Tank is a time for the older men (actually we use the term: OLD GUYS) to gather around the coffee pot and reminisce how great we were in our younger days and to support each other in our quest to continue to be and feel relevant in the "NOW."

When: Mondays @ 10:00am

Location: Fellowship Hall

Membership Care Update

For those of you who may not know, one function of the Membership Care Committee is to send out birthday and anniversary cards to members of our congregation. We are able to do that by donations from our church members. We are in need of cards at this time. We welcome your donations of cards for men, women, and children of all ages, as well as anniversary cards.

Or if you would like to help by making a monetary donation to the Membership Care Committee, we would be happy to purchase the cards.

Music & Worship

Adult Choir

2017 ended with an amazing showing by all of our ensembles and I can't wait to see what God has in store for 2018! Adult Choir will begin their rehearsals on January 4th at 7 pm and we will start preparing some excellent, eclectic music for spring. To start our new year, we will be singing ***Be thou My Vision*** on January 14th inspiring us to make God the focus of our vision for the coming year. On January 21st the choir will be singing ***O Sifuni Mungu***, a rendition of *All Creatures of Our God and King* with an African twist! On that Sunday we will also be having a Hymn Sing Sunday in which we get to sing all of our favorites. Following the service we will be having a luncheon during which we will be accepting donations to replenish the funds we use to pay amazing instrumentalists when we have truly special music. We ALWAYS welcome new voices! Our rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir

Rehearsals for Handbells will start again on Sunday, January 7th. We will continue to have our rehearsals on Sunday afternoons at noon. If you are interested in joining us!

January Readings

January 7th	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
January 14th	I Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 I Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51
January 21st	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
January 28th	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

January Anniversaries

Mike & Sally Galindo	January 4
Bruce & Sharon Burr	January 15
Ron & Carol Garcia	January 27

January Birthdays

Parker Franceschi	January 2
Ed Heeney	January 4
Jill Fry	January 6
Gabriel Villasenor	January 7
Andina Castillo	January 8
Michael Morris	January 9
Ramona Todd	January 10
Marie Smith	January 11
Spencer Currey	January 12
Jon Robinson	January 12
Debbie Watney	January 13
Janet Mueller	January 14
Benjamin Williams	January 15
Jazmyne Williams	January 15
Sally Alvis	January 16
Marianne Sommer	January 16
Sarah Elizabeth Van Buskirk	January 16
Kevin Heeney	January 17
Jim Litsinger	January 20
David Van Buskirk Jr.	January 20
Sarah Wisniewski	January 20
Lyn Large	January 22
Cynthia Roemer	January 23
Suzanne Galloway	January 24
Mark Brothers	January 28
Cooper Jeannot	January 28
Gina Schantz	January 28
Alexandra Atallah	January 29
Julie Skaug	January 31
Johnny Tosney	January 31

UMW News

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your continued support of the Lord's Mountain Orphanage, as I am positive that the money raised is/will be put to good use. For every little bit raised goes to feed, cloth, educate, provide housing, and medical attention for 36 loving children who otherwise would be living on the street. The Lord's Mountain Children's Orphanage is a United Methodist sponsored project, supported by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), UMVIM, (United Methodist Volunteer in Mission), and each individual such as yourself. This started out to be a personal project that I fully support and believe in as I have seen firsthand what the conditions are.

I Love each and every one of you.

Bruce Burr

Jubilee Circle, **January 3rd at 5:30**

Location: Denny's
1250 Stratford 678-1002

The women of the church, all ages, come together to dine at a local restaurant on the first Wednesday of the month. We have such a wonderful time visiting with each other. If you have never come, please consider it. All are welcome.

Grace Circle, January 8th

Grace Circle and UMW will meet Monday January 8th, at noon in the Fellowship hall. Hostesses are R.K. Van Every & Joan Axelson. Salad and dessert will be provided. Ramona Todd will be presenting a program on how to make jewelry after the meeting. All women are invited.



Faith and Frappuccino

Join a lively group of women who gather once a week for tea, coffee, and conversation about daily spiritual living. Drop in as you can.

When: Wednesday@ 4:00p.m.

Location: Starbucks

Leader: Audrey Madden



Couch Corner Creations

January 12th at 6:00 p.m.



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Resource

Flowers

January 7th
January 14th
January 21st Kitty Lockwood
January 28th

Sign up for Flowers, Fellowship or Liturgist in the Fellowship hall or online at:
<http://vols.pt/XcRuzr>

Fellowship

January 7th
January 14th
January 21st Kitty Lockwood
January 28th

Liturgist

January 7th Dawn King
January 14th Nancy Blankenship
January 21st Sharon Burr
January 28th Youth

Meeting Schedule

Finance Core Team, January 14th, 11:15a.m.
Leadership Meeting, January 10th, 7:00p.m.
Stephen Ministry Supervision
January 15th, 6:30p.m.
Ministry with Cultural Differences

Lawn Mowing Schedule

January 7th Stuart Davidson
January 14th Eric Warnken
January 21st Timothy DeYoung
January 28th Kevin Heeney



Income for November 2018

Building Use \$265.00
Pledges & Offering \$10,676.36
Designated Giving \$289.00
Total Income \$11,230.36

Expenses for November 2018

Administrative Expense \$1,334.39
Ministries \$1,272.66
Non-Budgeted Expense \$3,983.45
Staff \$9,067.45
Trustees \$150.04
Total Expenses \$15,807.99

Building Fund Report for November 2018

Current Amount \$7,466.90
Original Loan Amount \$34,300.00
Maturity Date-- 03/05/2025
Last Payment 11/14/2017 400.00

Vital Signs Recording for November 2018

	Attendance	Small Group
November 5th	124	48
November 12th	107	49
November 19th	152	58
November 26th	178	38

Average Worship Attendance: 140.25
Average Small Group Attendance: 248.25
Average Weekly Mission Outreach: 1.75

2018 Leadership List

Church Council Members & Positions

Church Council Chair
Megan Villasenor

Lay Leader
Brent Watney

Chair of Staff-Parish Relations
Gerald Stringer

Lay Member, Annual Conference
Jim Litsinger

Alternate – Annual Conference
Jill Fry

UMW President
Suzanne Galloway

Methodist Men's Fellowship
Youth Representative
Kiarra Madden

Children's Ministry Prayer Team
Jana Gabby, Greta Galindo, Megan Villasenor

Adult Ministry Coordinator
Kim McGreevey

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kevin Heeney

Membership Care Coordinator
Pam Cozzoli

Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mark Cozzoli, Brent Watney

Missions Coordinators
John Currey

Disciple Bible Study Leaders
Libba Brothers, Mark Brothers, Jill Fry, Johanna Hoagland, Audrey Madden, Kim McGreevey, Maureen Shiroma, Chris Thomas, Mike Wood, Rena Wood

Historian
Latoyia Reeb

Secretary of Council
Pam Cozzoli

Pastor
Cathy Morris

Outreach and Welcome
Audrey Madden

Director of Music Ministry
Erin Brothers

Pastoral Associate
Dawn King

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2020</u>
Gerald Stringer	Roxie Sanders	Mark Kemp
Angelina Castillo	Melissa Glide	Kitty Lockwood

Board of Trustees

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Eric Warnken	Mark Brothers	Duaine Wordon
Janyne Reckner	Kevin Heeney	Johanna Hoagland

Finance Committee

Chairperson
Peter Morris

Financial Secretary
Cindy Heeney

Asst. Financial Secretary
Linda Baker

Treasurer
Suzanne Galloway

Assistant Treasurer
Greta Galindo

Committee on Lay Leadership

<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jim Litsinger	Johanna Hoagland
<i>Lay Member</i> Kim McGreevey	<i>At Large</i> Savannah Lindley
<i>Adult Ministry</i>	<i>Children's Ministry</i>

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Megan Villasenor
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**Bowling & Sleep Over,
January 5th @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Credo: Confirmation Class for Youth
January 4th & 5th ,10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Sunday School resumes, January 7th

Leadership Meeting, January 10th @ 7:00pm

Leadership Recognition & Sign-up Sunday, January 21st

Hymn Sing Sunday, January 21st