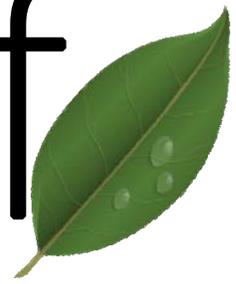




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Newsletter of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa, California

Reach Up, Reach Out!

The purpose of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa is to create a loving community of faith that expresses itself through both personal spirituality and social responsibility; reaching up to God and reaching out to all people in God's love with experiences that challenge, change, inspire and engage.

Oneness in Christ Statement

We affirm that all persons are precious to God and of sacred worth. God pours out amazing love and grace to everyone.

We seek to be an inclusive church. We warmly invite into our life and mission all people without regard to race, nationality, sexual orientation, ability, age, gender, financial circumstances, or marital status.

We are a large and diverse community of faith. We certainly do not always agree on theology or public issues. Our desire, however, is to build bridges of understanding and mutual respect. Above all, we seek to love one another as Christ has loved us.

We are learning that the words of our founder, John Wesley, are true: "We do not have to think alike to love alike."

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As God welcomes us into the family of God, accepting us just as we are, and then challenging us to live more into a life of love, we are called to welcome and love each other – especially the stranger in our midst. Simply put, through hospitality, Christians imitate God's welcome!

Henri Nouwen

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and locations.*

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The submission deadline for the September 2010 issue of the *Roseleaf* is August 5, 2010.



Pastor Kris, we're glad you're here!

Pastor Kris Marshall joined our church staff on July 1. Here she is pictured in front of the blazing blue wall in her office! If you haven't had the opportunity to meet her yet, stop by the office and say hello. Pastor Kris has preached at both of our campuses on Sunday mornings and also at Spirit Café. Everyone agrees that she is a very gifted preacher with a great sense of humor! In addition to the July 4th ice cream social we held to welcome her, Kris was able to spend some time at Vacation Bible School, and also attended the Fijian Lovo, Dine and Donate at Mary's Pizza, and, in response to a special invitation, the Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast! Of course, she's also attended numerous meetings and enjoyed lunches and dinners with church staff and congregation members.





A New Definition of Hospitality

Because the old patterns of neighborhood have broken down in our country, contemporary Americans are increasingly becoming nomads – strangers in a strange land. Henri Nouwen, a renowned Roman Catholic theologian and pastor, describes our modern society as “a world of strangers, estranged from their own past, culture, and country – from their neighbors, friends, and family – from their deepest self and their God.” In such a “world of strangers, where fear, anger, and hostility build walls between people and chip away at communal soulfulness,” Nouwen proposes that “if there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality.” He then describes hospitality in this way:

Hospitality is primarily about the creation of a “free space” where strangers become friends. It is a “place” that offers travelers safe passage through dangerous country – an oasis of love and acceptance. Hospitality is not a program for welcoming people into membership, it is not a recruitment strategy for new members, and, certainly, it is not a process for changing people into who we are or who we think they should be. Rather, hospitality is a “free space” where change can take place; a place where strangers can become friends, or where people can find a safe passage on their own spiritual journey, regardless how long they may stay. As God welcomes us into the family of God, accepting us just as we are, and then challenging us to live more into a life of love, we are called to welcome and love each other – especially the stranger in our midst. Simply put, through hospitality, Christians imitate God’s welcome!

Alice Gray, in her book *More Stories for the Heart*, tells the story about a young man named Bill. Bill has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. Although a bit esoteric, he is brilliant. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very proper church. They want to develop a ministry to the students, but are not sure how to go about it. One day Bill decides to attend this church. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, T-shirt, and his wild hair. The service has already started, so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can’t find a seat. By now people are looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before! By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that, from the back of the church, an usher is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the usher is in his eighties, he has silver-gray hair, a three-piece suit, and a pocket watch. He is a godly man, elegant, dignified, and very courtly. He walks with a cane, and as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is thinking to themselves, “You can’t blame him for what he’s going to do. How can you expect a man of his age, and of his background, to understand some college kid on the floor?”

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man’s cane. All eyes are focused on him. Then, the completely unexpected happens.

They all watch this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill, worshiping alongside him so he won’t be alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion. There is not a dry eye in the entire congregation.

When the minister finally gains control of his emotions, he says, “What I’m about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget!”

You are all welcome here,

Pastor Greg

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Children and Youth

Sunday School Meet and Greet

Saturday, August 21, 10 am, Stony Point Worship Center

Everyone—especially Sunday School parents and grandparents—is invited to come out to Stony Point on Saturday, August 21 to meet Janin Comiskey, our new Children's Ministries Coordinator. You will learn about the 2010-2011 Sunday School curriculum, and be able to ask questions and share ideas. Hope to see you there!

Summer Sunday School

Special thanks go to our Summer Sunday School interns: Alicia DeTofoli, Allyson Hanstad, Chris Major, Avery Albertson, Amanda Barnett, Luke Rafla-Yuan, and Torina Gianetto—who are teaching Sunday School June-August! In its third year, this internship provides our college-age youth with some valuable teaching experience, gives our regular Sunday School teachers a much-needed summer break, and infuses our Sunday School program with new energy. Our current schedule (through and including August 29) is:

Montgomery Campus

Preschool & Kindergarten Orange Room
1st & 2nd Grade Purple Room
3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Green Room
Youth are invited to help with younger classes or attend the worship service.

Stony Point Campus

Preschool & Kindergarten Giffen House
1st & 2nd Grade Giffen House
3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Giffen House
Youth are invited to help with younger classes or attend the worship service.

In order to allow our teachers to travel to the 10:45 am service, please pick up kids by 10:30 am at Montgomery.

(Fall Sunday school classes begin September 5.)

Thank You!

to Our VBS Volunteers



Vacation Bible School couldn't have happened without the help of countless volunteers who donated time, items, money, energy, prayers, and love. With your help we were able to share God's love with children from FUMC and beyond. Check out the VBS photos on the church website: www.fumcsantarosa.org.

SCUMY Kick-Off

August 22, 4-7 pm, Stony Point Ministry Center

We'll have a barbecue, watch videos of our summer trips, and share pictures and stories.

Youth Mission Sunday!

August 22, All Sunday Services

This summer, members of our middle school, high school, and college-age groups participated in various mission trips to locations ranging from Alaska to Honduras. On Sunday, August 22, you'll be able to hear them talk about their experiences, and the wisdom and insights gained by these dedicated young people.

These trips were supported in part by fundraisers and the generous support of our church family. Over \$10,000 was raised to fund 10 full scholarships, 5 partial scholarships, building materials for the trip to Alaska, and over 200 gallons of gas for six vehicles. The students and chaperones are also grateful to UMW and the Foundation for providing additional funds for the college students who traveled to Alaska. With your support, over 35 youth and adults traveled to three communities to express the love we feel here everyday. Thank you!

Notes from United Methodist Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Thank you ever so much for your generous contribution to my college education. Words cannot express my gratitude to you as I prepare to embark on my next educational journey.

It means a lot to me to know my church believes in me and my future.

I am very grateful for this scholarship. I know I will see this money in action when I walk into my college.....

Thank you for the scholarship. I am very honored to have been chosen. This money will help me further my education.

I promise to try to make you proud of me and glad you honored me with this scholarship.....

This money will be such a help to my family and to me. Thank you to the Foundation.



Creative Arts

Calling All Artists

FUMC Showcase of Fine Art
Sunday, August 8, Stony Point Campus
Sunday, August 15, Montgomery Campus

Everyone is invited to display select samples of their personal artistic creations at our upcoming Showcase of Fine Art, sponsored by the FUMC Creative Arts Ministry Advisory Board (CAMAB). Each item will be carefully presented and identified with the artist's name.



For further information, please contact Bob or Shirley Cheal at 566-7286, or chealhome@gmail.com

*I believe creativity is like
electricity. We don't
understand how it works...
we just use it.*

Maya Angelou

Calling All Singers



Annual Singers Workshop
Saturday, September 11, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Two Rock U.S. Coast Guard Training Center

If you like to sing, reserve your space now for the annual Singers Workshop. Hosted by our Chancel Choir—but open to all—the workshop is both fun and informative, and set in the beautiful coastal hills west of Petaluma.

Whether you are a member of Chancel Choir or not, you're sure to benefit from our **morning session** (8:30 am - 12:30 pm). The focus will be on caring for your instrument, extending your vocal abilities, exercising your voice, sightreading, and more. Following the morning session we'll break for lunch and conversation at the Officer's Club.

The 1:30 pm **afternoon session**, geared especially for Chancel Choir members, will be spent rehearsing pieces to be presented this fall during Montgomery worship services. The day will conclude at 4:30 pm with a Communion Worship Service led by Pastor Kris.

If you'd like to participate in this year's workshop, simply RSVP to Sandy Prosapio (544-9613, cawinekids@att.net) or Doug Albertson (545-3863, ds.albertson@gmail.com). No forms to fill out, no fees to pay! That's right: there is no charge. We really hope you'll join us!

Congratulations to Our Newest United States Citizen

Lilya Acquistapace became a United States Citizen on July 8, 2010
at the Paramount Theater in Oakland, California.
Congratulations, Lilya!



Reach Up, Reach Out

Be an angel. Lend a hand to those in need.
Volunteer at

Angels' Attic

Angels' Attic, a boutique-style thrift shop, is an outreach of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa. Founded in August of 2004, Angels' Attic has a two-part purpose:

1. Assist those in need by offering quality used goods at low prices.
2. Donate all proceeds in support of local non-profit groups' missions for the residents of Sonoma County.

**Since its inception, Angels' Attic has given
\$49,459.95
to community outreach, including gifts to:**

Interfaith Shelter
Children's Village of Sonoma County
F I S H
Redwood Empire Food Bank
Meals on Wheels
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Santa Rosa
The Living Room
Santa Rosa Children's Chorus
Court Appointed Special Advocates
Women's Emergency Shelter
Giffen House Shelter
Redwood Gospel Mission
The Children's Fund-Sonoma County
FUMC Youth Service Projects
FUMC Good Shepherd Fund
FUMC United Methodist Women (*An ongoing donation has been given to the UMW because they were instrumental in the birth of Angels' Attic. They, in turn, distribute that donation to projects supporting women and children.*)

All proceeds are given back to the community. No proceeds are retained by the church nor are any utilized in the church budget.

**How is this possible?
Angels' Attic
is *entirely* volunteer-staffed!**

Volunteers hold the key to our success. Whether sorting through donations, pricing merchandise, assisting customers, or running the cash register, volunteers are **vital**.

We need you!

To keep this ministry humming, we absolutely must have volunteers. There are two shifts per weekday and one shift on Saturdays. Whether you can offer only a few hours a month or want to sign up for a regular weekly shift, we welcome you to this friendly group!

**To volunteer or get answers to your questions,
please contact either of our store managers:
Tamara: tboultb@aol.com
Kellie: mikenyholm@comcast.net
or call the store— 284-8659**

Donations

Donations of both merchandise and cash are gladly accepted during store hours. Merchandise must be clean, in good repair, and complete. Due to space limitations in the store, we are limited in our ability to take donations of large furniture. However, if you have large pieces you wish to donate, please contact our store managers so we can try to accommodate your gifts.

Angels' Attic

~a boutique thrift shop offering a full range of merchandise from clothing to collectibles~
411 E Street

Open Monday - Friday, 10:30 am - 4 pm
Saturday 12 noon - 4 pm
284-8659



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Reach Up, Reach Out

Six-Week Fall Book Study Series

Beginning October 3, we will begin a 6-week congregational study of C.S. Lewis's classic book, *Mere Christianity*. Lewis is one of the 20th century's most influential Christian writers. In addition to the 6-week study, we have also scheduled a movie and a guest lecturer. *Through the Shadowlands*, a movie about the life of Lewis, will be shown on Friday, September 17. On Tuesday, September 28, and again on Tuesday, October 26, guest lecturer Jake Aharonian will share with us powerful insights into the life of Lewis.

Coming from an atheistic background, C.S. Lewis presents in *Mere Christianity* the reasoning and basis for his belief in Christianity. This powerful book offers an insightful explanation and defense of Christianity, meant to help seeking and new Christians, as well as those further along in their faith journey. Sandy Winter, a member of our Adult Education Committee, explains, "As a new believer with many questions at the age of 29, this powerful book touched me in a profound way and deepened my understanding and belief in the message and hope of the Christian faith. My prayer is that this fall you too will discover this classic timeless treasure and all it has to offer."

In September you'll have an opportunity to purchase the book and to sign up for one of the 12 discussion groups.

**Mark your calendar NOW for
InterFaith Shelter Network's**

20/10 Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday, August 28, 5:30 pm
Doubletree Hotel**

IFSN celebrates

20+ years

of community service
for Sonoma County's HOMELESS
and the

10-year anniversary

of the
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

**Art Show & Sale, Dinner, Music,
and more...**

*Please contact www.ifsn.org
for reservations*

Stephen Ministry

During challenging times of life—the death of a loved one or the loss of a job, an addition to the family or a move to a new home—wouldn't it be wonderful to have a friend with whom you could speak openly about your feelings? Stephen Ministers provide confidential care in a one-on-one relationship for as long as necessary. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and support during the trying times of life. The Stephen Ministry program at FUMC has been working for our congregation for over 12 years, and has served many of our members and friends. If you, or someone you know, has need of a Stephen Minister, call the church office, speak to the Stephen Minister "on duty" at the close of each Sunday service, or call Cynthia Rohde.

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

A Message from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay

We know you've thought about it, so why not take that next step and become a mentor? All it takes is spending one hour, once a week, for at least one year with a child in your community. The activities you do together are based on your interests and abilities, but most importantly, we want you to have fun! Not only will you enrich the life of a child, you will make an unforgettable impact on your own life.

Currently, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay has over 200 children on our waitlist, waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister just like you to come into their lives. For more information, please contact our intake coordinator at (415) 453-3800, ext. 225, or send an email to info@bbbsnorthbay.org.

Visit our website at www.bbbsnorthbay.org



**"Isn't it wonderful that
none of us need wait a
moment before starting to change the world."**

Anne Frank

Taking Care of Business

FUMC Goes WIFI

Much is made these days of having access to wireless networks for laptop users. Now, if that sentence left you wondering “what-in-the-world are they talking about,” then read no further. But if you’re of that group who likes to use this kind of computer technology, then you’ll be interested in reading the following about the new wireless system installed at both FUMC campuses. (NOTE: to access the network from our church buildings, you need to request the password from either Mary or Connie at the church office.)

Here are some of the benefits of having a wireless network at church:

- Easier dissemination of information to the congregation. Websites can be accessed from anywhere in the church.
- Cost savings. The internet is now available to every meeting room in the church without the expense of running cables.
- Convenient for seminar presenters. It is easier to bring outside information to your meeting or event, such as YouTube videos, forums, and other informational websites, Google maps, slide shows, travel sites, etc.
- It is an image enhancement for the church – we’re obviously high tech, “with it,” and up to date.
- Employee flexibility. Staff can work away from their desks and anywhere on campus.
- The church calendar is available to anyone on the web. While holding a meeting, you can instantly pull up the live calendar to schedule your upcoming event, verify room availability, and avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Multiple users can log on simultaneously in a single meeting space.
- New ideas that are being considered for cost, feasibility, availability etc., can be verified or researched during the meeting. This can lead to faster decision-making.
- Emails can be composed, read, and sent right from the meeting space. Fast turn-around of meeting minutes or other important information.

Talking Cents

For the fourth year in a row, the Church Council has approved a balanced operating budget for the new fiscal year (July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011). We continue to support the idea that God expects the church to be a place of faith and fiscal responsibility—being in faithful ministry to the wider community while being good stewards of our contributions to the church. Of course, balancing the budget in these difficult economic times was not an easy task. We were able to maintain support to the current ministry of our church, as well as increase our denominational support by \$15,000 to regional, national, and international missions. However, because we project giving to be flat in the next fiscal year due to the continuing economic recession, we made the following decisions in order to balance the budget:

- All staff salaries have been frozen at current levels for the coming year.
- We have suspended funding the Reserve Fund for next year. This is the fund that helps us manage cash flow during seasonal low-giving months (e.g., during summer vacations).
- We have taken an additional draw on the Ferguson gift fund to support salaries for children’s and youth ministries next year. We are hoping that the economy will improve over the next year so we can continue the process of transferring salary costs directly into the operating budget.
- We have designated the special offerings at Thanksgiving and Christmas for the denominational mission priorities represented by our apportionment giving. This decision may lower our giving to local outreach efforts this year.

Although these were difficult decisions to make, the fact that we are able to maintain support of current ministry and staffing is an amazing testimony to the faithfulness of this congregation. Many churches and nonprofits are being forced to significantly reduce both ministry and staffing during these difficult economic times. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Brunet, Church Business Administrator, at 545-3863, or mary.brunet@fumcsantarosa.org. And, let’s continue to pray for the continuing ministry of our church as we reach up to God and reach out to all people in God’s love.



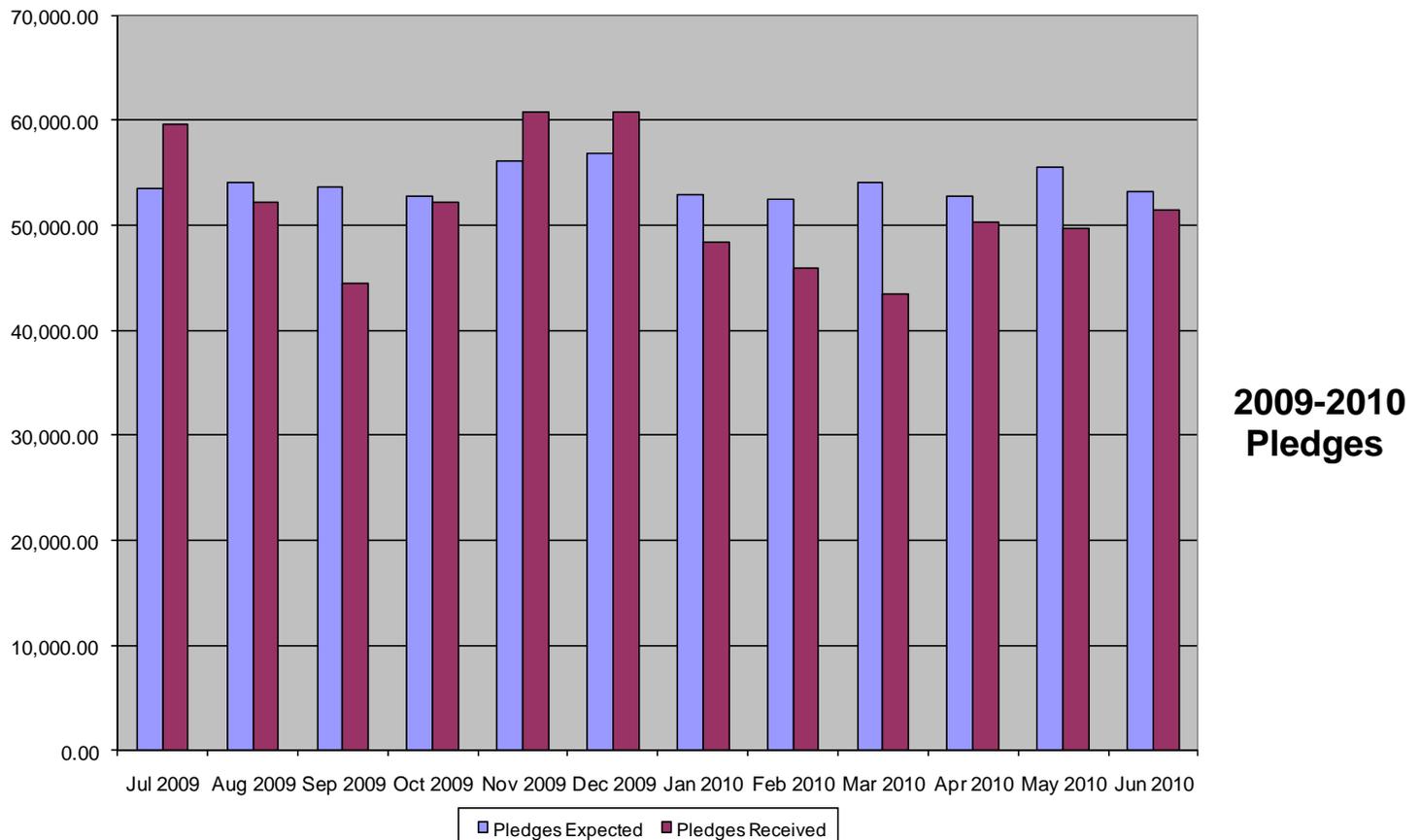
Taking Care of Business

Monthly News From the Finance Committee

- Income for June, from all sources, was \$65,196; expenses were \$69,119, resulting in a deficit of \$3,922.
- Pledged contributions received in June were \$51,505, which was short of our goal for the month by \$1,675.
- For fiscal year-to-date (12 months), our deficit is \$10,598. Last year at this time we had a surplus of \$25,929.

	Income	Current Period	Year to Date	Compare Last Year
June 2010	Pledges and Gifts	\$55,498	\$675,964	\$683,946
	Other Revenues	\$1,865	\$15,445	\$13,662
	Total	\$57,363	\$691,409	\$697,608
Income and Expenses	Expenses			
	Operations and Programs	\$53,785	\$612,007	\$599,678
	Apportionments	\$7,500	\$90,000	\$72,000
	Total	\$61,285	\$702,007	\$671,678
	Excess Income/Expenses	-\$3,922	-\$10,598	\$25,929

NOTE: These figures are less the Ferguson gift amount.



Just for the principal of it! banks continue to produce significant savings in the interest we will pay over the life of our mortgage. In June, \$291.50 in coins were contributed. This brings the contributions since we began in March of 2006 to **\$25,479.02!** Applying this to the principal means we will save \$14,011.75 in interest over the life of the loan! Let's continue to put our extra coins in those banks, reduce our debt, and save on interest. These savings go directly to support of our ministries.

Happenings!

Ligaya

Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 15, 4 pm
At the home of Bill and Jean Hart
2433 Grosse Avenue, Santa Rosa
\$1.50 per person

Join us for double-scoops of ice cream with choices of yummy toppings, plus lots of sociable conversation. Reservations requested by August 10 to Bill and Jean at 544-3518, or to co-hosts Larry and Wilma Thompson at 526-5711.

Save the Date

for Ligaya's September Activity

Saturday, September 25, 6 pm

Sons of Italy Dinner Dance

Veteran's Memorial Building

6 pm: no host bar, 7 pm: dinner

9-11 pm: dance to the Leonard Rossi Orchestra

\$18 (no taxes or tips)

Please call Fred and Ruth Acquistapace for reservations at 575-5118 **before September 8.**

Dixieland Sunday

Featuring the Joyful Noise Band September 12

Two Worship Services Only:

9:00 am Worship at Montgomery

11:00 am Worship at Stony Point

Followed by:

12:30 Picnic Potluck at Stony Point

Fun and Games for Kids of All Ages!

Mark your calendars for this fun- and spirit-filled annual celebration! The Joyful Noise Band will make their annual trek to FUMC to enliven our morning worship and add to the fun at our afternoon picnic.

Fun and Fellowship Group

Potluck Supper

Sunday, September 19, 6 pm
At the home of Mark and Lindsay Frey
5710 Fawn Drive, Santa Rosa

Our summer hiatus is nearly over, and we will resume activities again on September 19. At this gathering we will be planning the next 9 months, so be prepared with ideas! We had some great activities this past year; looking forward to more fun-filled times!

Please RSVP to Lindsay or Mark at:
habari@sonic.net or 538-7776

All-Church Family Barbecue

Saturday, September 4, 5:30 pm
Stony Point Campus
\$8 per person

All proceeds support our VIM team's upcoming trip to Galveston, Texas!

toe-tappin' old time rock n' roll!

featuring the Stony Point Praise Band and Friends—including Pastor Greg!

lip-smackin' food!

hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled chicken bbq sandwiches, beans, salads, watermelon, and all the fixins!

opportunity ticket drawing!

If you haven't yet bought your opportunity tickets, there is still time. You could win a beautiful handcrafted fleece throw valued at over \$600, or the use of a one-bedroom condo in Kauai the week of May 26-June 2, 2011. (Airfare is not included.) Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and currently available following all worship services.

Tickets for the barbecue will be available beginning August 15 at the Fair Trade Table at Montgomery, or from Norm Hardin or Brian Gebhart at Stony Point, or any member of the VIM Team.

Showcase of Fine Art —please see page 5

Annual

Men's Retreat

Friday—Sunday, September 24-26
Enchanted Hills Retreat Center
Relaxation, Education,
Good Food and Fellowship

Beginning with supper on Friday and concluding with lunch on Sunday, join together for Christian fellowship through song, prayer, conversation, and fun activities. Ample free time is also included in the schedule.

Enchanted Hills is located in western Napa County—about 45 minutes from Santa Rosa. The \$150 fee includes 6 meals and comfortable lodging. Linens are provided.

Register NOW!

Contact Charles Rhodes for more information and to reserve your space.
Crhodes@ap.net or 546-0939. You can also register and pay online at :
www.fumcsantarosa.org/news/annual-men's-retreat



Women's Get-Away Weekend

October 22 - 24

The Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg



Ladies, do you need a weekend away? Some time to relax in a beautiful setting, engage in thoughtful conversation, share a laugh or two, or maybe just take a nap? Then consider signing up for the annual Women's Get Away Weekend. Beginning with dinner on Friday, October 22, and concluding with breakfast on Sunday, October 24, we'll gather at Bishop's Ranch for a weekend of relaxation and renewal. Nestled in the hills west of Healdsburg, Bishop's Ranch offers comfortable bedrooms and meeting rooms, stunning views, and wholesome and delicious meals served in a spacious dining room. **To hold your space, please fill out the form on the bottom half of this page and mail it in with a \$30 deposit. Women of all ages are warmly invited!**

For more information, please contact any member of the organizing committee. They will be happy to answer your questions.

Wilma Thompson526-5711
 Barbara O'Rear538-5050
 Sharon Peterson569-8451
 Edith Rouse.....545-3394
 Nancy Messinger579-8713
 Joy Guerber.....539-7182

The Bishop's Ranch, 5297 Westside Road
 Healdsburg, CA 95448

We have reserved Harrison House and three adjoining cabins. Harrison House is equipped with a kitchen, large meeting room with comfortable chairs and sofas, a rambling deck, and 3 bedrooms that can sleep 3-4 persons each (all single beds). The cabins are equipped with bunk beds, but upper bunks will be assigned only if needed to accommodate late registrants.

Cost

\$145.00 per person includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Linens are provided. Early reservations are strongly encouraged. (Reduced cost for all is due to monthly coffee cake sales.)

Women's Get-Away Weekend, October 22 - 24, Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg Deposit and Registration Due Now

Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ and phone: _____

Choose Your Activities: Please look over the tentative activities for Saturday and let us know your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. Notice one choice is "free time" or you may opt to spend two periods with one class. Three activity (or no activity) periods will be scheduled, depending on interest. We will have materials from the book, "Strong Was Her Faith – Women of the New Testament" which can be used by one, two, or more individuals who would like to prepare a short skit/reading presentation for the Saturday evening program.

9:30 am - 12 noon	1:30 - 4 pm	4 - 6 pm
includes a coffee break	includes a tea time break	dinner follows at 6:30 pm
_____ computer skills	_____ computer skills	_____ computer skills
_____ hike/walk	_____ hike/walk	_____ hike/walk
_____ line dancing	_____ line dancing	_____ line dancing
_____ free time	_____ free time	_____ free time
_____ painting	_____ painting	_____ painting
_____ skit rehearsal	_____ skit rehearsal	_____ skit rehearsal
_____ yoga/meditation	_____ yoga/meditation	_____ yoga/meditation

Activity Leaders: computer, Marty Patton-Volz; hike/walk, Edith Rouse; line dancing, Margie Schultz; painting, Wilma Thompson; skit, Barbara O'Rear; yoga/meditation, Joy Guerber.

A \$30 deposit will confirm your reservation. The balance is due no later than October 15. Please make checks payable to FUMC and note "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

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Calendar At-A-Glance

AUGUST

August 2-6, Monday-Friday
Youth Arts Camp at Montgomery

Sunday, August 8
Fine Arts Showcase at Stony Point
See page 5

August 9-13, Monday-Friday
Preschool Teacher Prep Week
No Classes for Students

Sunday, August 15
Fine Arts Showcase at Montgomery
See page 5

Sunday, August 15
Ligaya Ice Cream Social at Bill and Jean Hart's, 4 pm
See page 10

Saturday, August 21
Sunday School Meet and Greet at Stony Point, 10 am
See page 4

Sunday, August 22
Youth Mission Sunday, Both Campuses, All Services
See page 4

Sunday, August 22
SCUMY Kick-off at Stony Point, 4 pm
See page 4

Saturday, August 28
InterFaith Shelter Network 20/10 Anniversary Celebration
See page 7



SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 4
All-Church Family Barbecue at Stony Point, 5:30 pm
See page 10

September 5
Sunday School Promotion

Monday, September 6
Labor Day, Church Office Closed

September 8
Preschool Back-to-School Night

Saturday, September 11
Singers' Workshop
at Two Rock Coast Guard Training Center, 8:30 am
See page 5

Sunday, September 12
Dixieland Sunday
Two Services Only!
See page 10

Tuesday, September 14
Rev. Paul Jeffreys preaching at Spirit Café
Presentation to follow at 7 pm

Friday, September 17
Viewing of *Through the Shadowlands* at Stony Point, 6 pm
See page 7

Sunday, September 19
Fun and Fellowship Group Potluck Supper
at Mark and Lindsay Frey's, 6 pm
See page 10

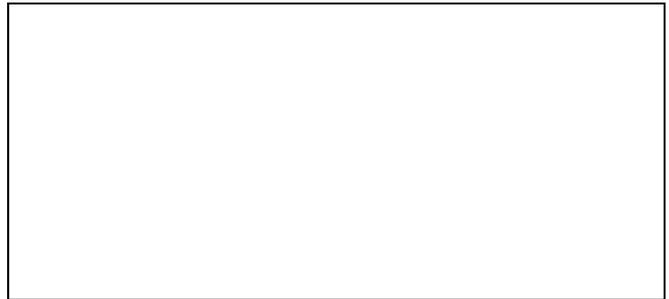
September 24-26, Friday-Sunday
Men's Retreat at Enchanted Hills Retreat Center
See page 10

Saturday, September 25
Ligaya Dinner Dance
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Fijian Language Ministry: 12:30 pm
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Nursery: 8:45 - 12:00 noon
Adult Classes: 11:00 am

Stony Point Campus

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 am with Nursery
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Adult Bible Study 9:30 am

Sonoma County Youth Group: Sundays, Middle School 4-6 pm, High School 5-7 pm, Stony Point Campus
Spirit Café: Tuesday evening at Montgomery, 5:45 to 6:45 pm; light supper and informal worship

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