



The Appian Wayfarer

The United Methodist Church: Open hearts · Open minds · Open doors

February 2021



Feb. 17th
7pm

The UMC West County Circuit invites you:

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 994 8131 1894

Password: 656093



Come and join a worship of reflection
and prayer as we begin our journey of Lent.
All are welcome!

Please come with ashes or dirt from your garden as a
symbol of our scripture that tells us we are made from
dust, and to dust we shall return.

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With sadness, we share in the loss of a dear man, **Mort Weishahn**. Mort's health had rapidly declined over the past few weeks, and he passed away peacefully on the evening of January 28, 2021. Mort and Carolyn's daughters and grandson are with Carolyn at this time. This news comes with a heavy heart as we have lost a valuable member of our community.

May God bring Mort's loved one's peace and comfort during a time of mourning.

LENT THEME

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again, and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?" And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you; I love you; I will lead you to repair." Again, and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward. Our theme provides an invitation in a time when much is unclear. Even if worshiping apart, we come to God again & again with our prayers, our dreams, our hopes, and our doubts. We will continue to love God with the same persistence God chooses and claims us.



Rev. Emily Musing

The month of February brings annual traditions such as Groundhog’s Day, Valentine’s Day, the Super Bowl, and often Ash Wednesday. With Ash Wednesday we begin a forty-day season of Lent. You may have been observing Lent for years but have no idea why.

The forty days of Lent between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday are meant to represent the forty days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by Satan before beginning his ministry. If you are counting, you may have realized that there are more than forty days between February 16, Ash Wednesday, and April 3, Holy Saturday. You are correct! When we count out these 40 days of Lent Sundays are not counted. They are thought of as “Little Easters.” The season of Lent is meant to be a time of self-reflection, repentance, and connecting with God. This isn’t meant to be a scary time of denying yourself soda or chocolate. Rather, Lent is meant to be a time of mindful engagement with God. You can do this in many ways. One way is by adding a daily prayer or devotional time. If you like to be outside, you can do this prayer time while on a hike. We will also be providing materials for a devotional that will be connected to our worship series that comes from the Sanctified Art group. Our theme for this Lent is “Again & Again”. This serves as a reminder to us that Again & Again God remains faithful in love. Again & Again we are faced with stories of hatred and violence, yet God is breaking into the world to shed a new light of love in the midst of the darkness.

We hope you join us Again & Again as we seek to grow closer to God during an intentional season of Lent. May you have a blessed 40ish day.



I M Hope Center is looking for more volunteers to be a part of visioning for the future of the organization. Are you passionate about helping immigrants? I M HOPE Center is a multi-faith-based coalition/alliance of spiritual and religious organizations in East Contra Costa County, California. The Center was established to provide top-quality legal immigration assistance for refugees, asylum seekers, undocumented persons, and families pro bono or at an affordable rate. This is important work now more than ever where many are needing help. If you are interested, please contact imhope.center@gmail.com.

Empty Jars for Lent!



Please save and keep your empty glass jars with lids. Size 6-8 oz

COVID-19 VACCINE SCAMS

- You likely will not need to pay anything out of pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.
- You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine.
- No one from Medicare or the Health Department will contact you.
- No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company, will call you asking for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.

Check with your health care provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19-related treatment.

Report fraud: 855-613-7080

California **SMP** Senior Medicare Patrol
Empowering Seniors To Protect Their Medicare

This project was supported, in part, by grant 50MPP000218-02-00 from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.

CrEaTiVe CoRnEr



Creative Corner

Have you written, created, made something, etc., that you would like to share with our church community? Please send them to the office esumc@esumconline.org, to be posted on our Wayfarer and sent out on our Weekly newsletter.



Monika Smith

"We hope to have a Craft Sale this year. This of course is a little owl tea pot cozy."

Online Motion Class

Hope you all had a lovely weekend. It is challenging to find ways to be together/apart. Zoom communities are great and I hope you benefit from them. They can never replace a hug longed for, but our hope is our trust that this will end. We will have a different 'normal' but a better one than this. Moving is good for your muscles and your mood. It raises endorphins! So, let's feel good!

You will need a chair, a block, and a ball (one of the bigger ones if you have it). Of course, all the moves can be done without props, but I find they add an element of challenge and just plain change. See you soon!

Jacqueline Corl is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Mon & Thurs: Balance & Range of Motion - 1:30 PM

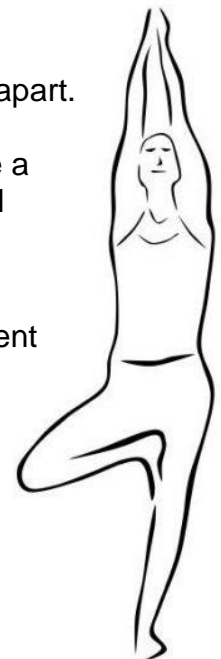
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Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri: Stretching for Balance & Yoga - 10:00 AM

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Password: 120140



February BIRTHDAY'S

- Feb. 1 - Glen Bullock
- Feb. 2 - Drake Collins
- Feb. 5 - Reese Michele Valencia
- Feb. 7 - Joanne Smart, Margrith Byer
- Feb. 9 - Destiny McFarland
- Feb. 13 - Gabriella Ahart
- Feb. 15 - Jo Bork
- Feb. 16 - Susan McFarland
- Feb. 17 - Bonnie McFarland
- Feb. 20 - Michele Lomelino Valencia
- Feb. 24 - Susan Hamner

MARCH

- March 15 - Marilyn Mangle
- March 19 - Paula Hammond
- March 27 - Linda Blackstone
- March 28 - John Neyhouse
- March 30 - Nancy McFarland, Edna Luffey
- March 31 - Rena Cutright, Hailie James, Ron Smith

ESUMC Financials

January 2021

Income	\$18,115.00
Expenses	\$15,048.78
Surplus	\$3,066.22

We know that these are unusual times. Our church is working harder than ever to support our community. Remember to send in your pledges. Please consider your gifts and how you are helping. A BIG thank you to all who are keeping up with their pledges! You can always send in a check or donate online at www.esumconline.org. If you would like a copy of the financial report/giving statement, please contact Marilyn Lomelino.



Wednesday @ 10 am

Meeting ID:
921 9873 2490

Meeting Password:
809696

Thursday @ 7 pm

Meeting ID:
932 1176 7726

Meeting Password:
460341

All are welcome to join in ESUMC's Bible Studies, whether you're a master theologian or have never opened a Bible! Studies will be held every Wednesday and Thursday. For any questions contact Rev. Emily at pastoremy@esumconline.org

Need a mask? Call 510.223.0790

or email at esumc@esumconline.org



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:30 PM Motion Class (online) 7 PM Worship Committee (online)	2 10 AM Motion Class (online) 4 PM Faith Exploration (online) 7:30 PM Kairos (online)	3 10 AM Bible Study, (online) 10 AM Motion Class (online) 7:30 PM Choir (online)	4 10 AM Photo Club, (online) 1:30 PM Motion Class (online) 7:00 PM Bible Study (online)	5 10 AM Motion Class (online)	6 10 AM Worship Rehearsal (online)
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21 10 AM Worship, (online) 12:15 PM Small Group (online)	22 1:30 PM Motion Class (online) 6 PM Longest Night Service	23 10 AM Motion Class (online) 4 PM Faith Exploration (online) 7:30 PM Kairos (online)	24 10 AM Bible Study, (online) 10 AM Motion Class (online) 7:30 PM Choir (online)	25 10 AM Photo Club, (online) 1:30 PM Motion Class (online) 7:00 PM Bible Study (online)	26 10 AM Motion Class (online)	27 10 PM Worship Rehearsal (online)
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Prayer Concerns

Marilyn Patterson; Carolyn and family of Mort Weishahn; Jo Rogers (for the death of her son, Dave Rogers); family of Lee Hunt, Flor Sanchez and Stacy Papps, and (Karen Jarrell's colleagues); Patty (a colleague of Karen Jarrell's sister Sharon Dean); Rie and Jim Ott; Jimmie Harvey (son-in-law of Wendy Allen); Marion Damon (mother of Eileen's step-daughter, Heather); Slessinger family; Family of Ray Lussier; Edna Luffey; Paulette Collins; Morie Oberg; The family of Nancy Corl; Paddi Just and the family; the family of Pauline Webber; Teresa Berenger (Madeleine Trouerbach's daughter); Sherry Banks; Hailie James; Leota Merrithew; Victor Nozzolillo; the Fleming family (Darlene, Steve, Denise Roby, & Michael); Laureen Kelly and Linda Goodman (nieces of Darlene); Gary Spearie (Paula Hammond's brother); those who continue to be impacted by natural disasters and the COVID-19.

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Resident Bishop, Minerva Carcaño
District Superintendent, Shinya Goto
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Lay Leader, Jacqueline Corl-Seidel
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