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Petaluma UMC Weekly Update



*"BE HAPPY IN THE MOMENT, THAT'S ENOUGH.
EACH MOMENT IS ALL WE NEED, NOT MORE."*

~ MOTHER TERESA

Here are the latest opportunities to strengthen your faith and connect with the community.

SOS Campaign

We asked them to begin practicing social distancing themselves and take a break from business as usual, but those pesky termites just keep eating away, bunched together as always.

Yes, the termites in the structure of our tower and sanctuary, and near the large wooden pipes for the organ, are still there. We still must raise the necessary funds to pay a local contractor to exterminate the termites; unfortunately they don't go away on their own. Hence the **"Save Our Sanctuary" Campaign!**

By action of the Church Council a couple months ago, we transferred money from a few dedicated funds into the Termite Project Fund, to compliment personal donations. And, *thank you friends*, a few donations have been coming in. Total funds we have to date: \$15,033 of the \$22,000 required.

We have \$7,000 to go. Help us reach our goal this month -- remember the termites never stop!

Our next "second-mile" giving offering was scheduled to be an Easter offering, however, your church leaders have decided to reschedule that later in the year, when



we get back together. ***In place of that we are asking you to make a special donation for the SOS Campaign.***

Every little bit helps and, as they say, "large bills are appreciated!" :-)

Make checks payable to PUMC, with a note "Termite Project".

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Annual Conference Disaster Response Ministry Coronavirus Webpage

Be Help. Receive Help: Share your stories and prayers

As faith communities continue to shelter-in-place we are developing new routines, developing new ways to worship and perhaps even new ways of praying.

The California-Nevada conference staff have added 2 new features to the **coronavirus web page**: a bulletin board and a prayer wall.

As we care for our neighbors by staying inside please join our online community by visiting the new bulletin board on the California-Nevada website. There you can read posts from friends across the conference and leave your own messages.

Please also read and post your own prayers on the prayer wall.

United Methodists are finding new ways to be in community and we want to hear from you!



Message from Conference Lay Leader, Micheal Pope

California-Nevada Lay Leader Micheal Pope delivers a heartfelt message as we navigate this time of coronavirus - COVID-19 together.

[Click link here](#)

Good Friday and Sunrise Easter Services

Bishop Carcaño will be hosting two conference-wide services during Holy Week:

Good Friday Service, Noon Friday April 10

Bishop Carcaño will be joined by Conference Lay Leader Micheal Pope in leading a Good Friday Memorial Service at 12 noon on Friday April 10. The service will last 30 minutes and commemorate the passing of those who have succumbed to complications from COVID-19, the disease caused by coronavirus.



Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 AM

Join the Bishop for a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning, Sunday April 12, to celebrate the Resurrection of our LORD, Christ Jesus, and the promise of abundant life even in the midst of uncertain times.

[Visit the California-Nevada Facebook page](#) to join the Bishop for the Good Friday Memorial Service at 12:00 pm pacific daylight time on Friday April 10th and at 6:15am pacific daylight time on April 12th to join the Bishop for Easter Sunday Sunrise Service.



General Conference Reschedules for 2021

In light of COVID-19 and resulting widespread travel bans and orders to shelter in place, the General Commission on the General Conference of the United Methodist Church announced new dates for the meeting, initially scheduled for May 5-15, 2020 . General Conference will now be convene next year - August 31-September 10, 2021.



The Reach Project Virtual Choir Performs 'Pandemic' by Lynn Ungar (Video)

The Reach Project is a commission by CONCORA (Connecticut Choral Artists). Chris Shepard is the Music Director. (link for video at bottom)

"Pandemic"

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath - the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected



Should you have a **prayer request** or a **need for assistance** during this time of sheltering at home,
Please be in touch with

- your "Calling Tree" contact (the person from the church who has called you to see how you're doing);

- Pastor Eric (revericpumc@gmail.com); or
- Nora Tallent (Chair of the Congregational Care Committee, leave message at church office).

Calling Trees --

We have divided our general list of members and friends into 11 groups. Members of the Church Council and a few other people have taken responsibility to be in touch periodically with the 6 to 9 people in their group. They will contact you to say "hello", and to see how you're doing.

Another way for us all to stay connected.

in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives

are in one another's hands.

(Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out your heart.

Reach out your words.

Reach out all the tendrils of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love-for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, so long as we all shall live.

--Lynn Ungar 3/11/20

Watch video.

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