



FINE LINES *Notes from Pastor Pam*

Dear Ones,

Here's a Thanksgiving Message from the Apostle Paul:

"God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, 'He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.'

"This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God.

This offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your

generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!"

*~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
From Eugene Peterson's translation,
The Message*

November is the month for Thanksgiving in our country – as if there could be only one month for thanksgiving! It makes some people uncomfortable that this civic holiday has such religious overtones. But it always makes our national holiday a little meaningful for me to remember that those pilgrims – faithful travelers struggling in (what was for them) a brand new world – carried Bibles with them (undoubtedly the King James Version) and may very well have opened the pages of those sacred texts to this same passage that we read today. There is no beginning and no end to giving thanks, is there?

I wish you bountiful blessings this month, and each month!



THE ARTISANS FAIRE IS ALMOST HERE!

*Preview Party ~ Friday, November 11th
7-9 P.M.*

(Admission \$5)

*Faire Day ~ Saturday, November 12th
10A.M. – 4P.M.*

(Admission Free)

(And We Still Need Your Help!)

With only weeks to go we are moving into high gear. We will be recruiting volunteers for Friday night and Saturday. We have need for set-up, tear-down and getting the church ready for Sunday morning (thanks Jeff & Roger!). In addition we want people to bring soups and desserts for our always wonderful bistro (thank you Debbie!), music and entertainment (thanks Joanne!), the silent auction (thanks Sheila!) and a huge variety of volunteers. If you know you want to have a wonderful weekend, work with the nicest people on earth and have a chance to greet and get to know our neighbors, be sure to sign up with Jana.

The Gifts are Rolling In! Food, Baskets, Collectables, Gift Certificates!

Can you offer your services for bid? Cooking? Gardening? Singing?! If so, please contact Sheila Vaughn or Anne Scott.

At the Artisans Faire you will have an opportunity to bid on a lamb shank dinner prepared by Sheila and Clyde Vaughn, three months of brownies baked by Shannon Lindahl, three pies baked by Teresa Fehr, and favorite soups and casseroles from church chefs. Six church bakers have joined together to offer Christmas cookie gift certificates, one for each silent auction table. And that's just the home cooked food that is up for bid. The Monday morning gardening group will come to your garden, spruce it up and plant it for the next season. There will be 16 different baskets, each carrying out a theme ranging from A Day at the Beach to 12 Mysteries for You to Solve to Christmas Charm. Pat Doolittle has contributed original paintings that she has done. Restaurants, wineries, beauticians, manicurists and other businesses have donated gift certificates, and church members have provided a variety of collectables for you to give as Christmas presents or to beautify your own home. This year we also will have a \$10 table and a \$5 table for small items including homemade jams and jellies and plants.

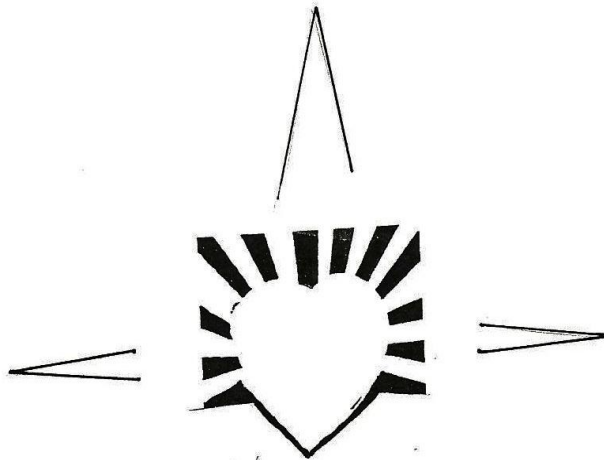


Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

All monies raised from the Artisans Faire go to the church General Fund to support operations, programs and apportionments.



*Jim Hillgren & Cindy Jackson,
Vicki & Paul Sweet,
Kay Willcox, Wendy Baker,
Chris Loosley, Greg Smith,
The Doolittle Family,
Peggy Roll, June Dyer,
Fern Lindahl, Hannah-Lyn Edwards,
Bill & Connie Moore,
Wes McMullen, Sarah Talbot*



THE POWER OF LOVE!

*This Year's
Aptos Community UMC*

Christmas Concert

**Sunday Evening, 7 p.m.
DECEMBER 4TH
in our sanctuary**

**Choir! Carols! Bells!
Poems & Stories!**

*A wonderful way
to enter into the holiday season!*

**Don't Miss It!
Mark Your Calendars Now!**

YOU CAN HELP DURING THE HOLIDAYS!!

As part of our church's ongoing support for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), our Missions Team is seeking financial contributions this month to buy winter jackets for adults who need them. NAMI provides support for those who are affected by mental illness, many of whom are homeless or living in local board and care facilities. The Aptos UMC Missions Team has chosen NAMI as one of the six alternative Christmas offerings for this year, but will need financial donations in November so that the jackets may be purchased. If you'd like to support this mission outreach, please make your check payable to NAMI Santa Cruz and place it in the collection plate or return it to the church office. You can also give your donations to Carol Williamson, NAMI President, who is an Aptos UMC member. You may give in November and pick up your Alternative Christmas NAMI gift cards in December.

NAMI will partner with the Mental Health Client Action Network to provide a holiday party for about 250 people on December 17th. Many of these people have no family to be with for the holidays, and this holiday party is their only Christmas celebration. We hope to raise sufficient funds from county organizations to provide each person with a gift bag of toiletries and a jacket. If you would like to help provide food or volunteer at the party on December 17th, please talk to Carol.



A BIG THANK YOU FROM NAMI!!

NAMI Santa Cruz is so very grateful to our church for contributing generously to the NAMI Schools Project. As a result, NAMI will be able to provide parents and teachers of local middle schools and high schools with the educational booklet, "What Families Need to Know about Adolescent and Childhood Depression." The booklets cost 50¢ each and your wonderful \$600 donation allows NAMI to purchase and distribute 1,200 booklets! NAMI SCC's goal is to provide 10,000 booklets to local schools.

With deep appreciation,

Carol Williamson

Carol Williamson and NAMI SC

ENJOY AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Aptos Community UMC will be offering an Alternative Christmas again this year. Our Missions Team will be offering the opportunity to contribute to six different ministries: Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project International, Missionary Katherine Parker, the Methodist Men's Group Bicycle Project, NAMI, and Second Harvest Food Bank.

The concept is simple. Donate any amount you choose to one of the six ministries. In return, you receive a card stating that you've made that donation in honor of someone you love. You can then present the card to the honored person as their Christmas gift. The church will send the donations to the named charities.

There will be a table with cards available each Sunday in December. Start planning now as to how you may honor your loved ones through gifts that help others!



SANTA CRUZ HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER

The Santa Cruz Homeless Service Center held its 2nd Annual Open House for the public in mid-October and some Aptos UMC members attended (yes, Mary Ellen, you were spotted). The HSC provides both emergency and transitional services to homeless individuals and families. The compact, but beautiful and modern, campus on Coral Street operates a number of programs including:

Rebele Family Shelter currently provides emergency housing for 28 families (48 kids and 36 adults) for up to 6 months. You may recall that Aptos UMC furnished one of the bedrooms there when it first opened.

Page Smith Transitional Housing provides individual apartments for 40 single men and women for up to 18 months while they work, seek employment or attend school. They receive counseling and drug testing, and are part of resident groups that provide peer support while working toward self-sufficiency.

Paul Lee Loft provides short-term emergency shelter year round for 46 adults while the

Winter Shelter is operated at the Armory on a nightly basis for around 100 people.

Day Service Center has meals, laundry, mail facilities, computers and showers.

Medical Clinic provides outpatient medical and psychological screening and diagnostic services, and is currently being expanded.

The HSC also has an active **Volunteer Program** with opportunities for working with children and adult residents.

The Santa Cruz Homeless Services Center provides valuable shelter and rehabilitative services for all of Santa Cruz County through its dedicated staff and volunteers.



WHAT IS COPA?

You may have heard in recent months that Aptos Community UMC has become a member of COPA. But what is COPA? COPA stands for Communities Organizing for Relational Power in Action. Beyond that, COPA is a group of congregations and nonprofit institutions committed to improving lives of people in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. COPA was founded to allow ordinary people to negotiate effectively with government and private institutions that affect their lives. Issues that have been addressed include affordable housing, city services, gang violence, health care and other local issues. COPA is non-partisan, and never advocates for political candidates.

Currently, COPA organizations are assembling a slate of issues of greatest concern for our area, with the intention of soliciting support for the overall agenda from 30,000 voters in our area. We then plan to elicit support from our political leaders for these improvements.

(Notice? We aren't organizing to support what they want; we are looking for their support of for *we* want.)

The group primarily involved with COPA from our church is our Church & Society Committee, and we'd like you to know we are very impressed how carefully COPA organizers listen to all concerns and how careful they include all voices. This is not firebrand politics!

COPA will be holding an important meeting to further develop its platform of issues on November 6th, and will be looking for support in getting the word about it out to the community. If you are interested in finding out more about COPA and/or attending this meeting, please speak with Bob Blaney or Pastor Pam.

COPA is part of the Industrials Area Foundation.

BABY GRAND PIANO GIFTS
August 2011

*Our beautiful baby grand piano will be formally consecrated on
Sunday, November 13th, during worship*

Given In Loving Honor of:

Kathleen & Ken Cook, who instilled the love of piano in our granddaughters,
by Pharis & Jane Harvey
Kathleen Cook, by Cindy Jackson & Jim Hillgren
Susie Lewis, and four other great church musicians: Sylvia Milner, Bob Layne,
Yvonne Duisit & Donald Loach, by Helene Milner & Boyd Brown
Doris McElroy-Murphy, a former Aptos UMC choir singer of 15 years, by Ken & Diane
McElroy
Sarah & Jake Hancock, by Pat Carr
Rev. Pam Fine & Dan Burklund, by Pat Carr
Orville Strong, Jr., by Marian Jackson
Hugh Robert Jackson, by Sidney Jackson
Ada Jaquet, my mother, by Joanne Tanner & Charles Ernest
Willis & Evelyn Nelson, my parents, by Nancy Moody
Margaret Vesey, my sister, by Barbara Symons
Margaret Vesey, by Jean Williams
Rev. David Vallelunga, by Rev. Pam Fine
The amazing Aptos UMC music program, by Jeff Favorite

Given In Loving Memory of:

Grace Oldenkamp, from her grateful children and grandchildren
Grace Oldenkamp, dear friend of many years, by Ann Seibert
Bob & Fran Swenson, by Peggy Kaysen
Eloryn Hinton, by Jana Hinton
Thu Fennell, by William Fennell
Anna Landmann, by Ruth Landmann
Dr.'s Paul & Marie Krupko, my parents, by Susie Lewis
Sigrid & Herbert Moore, and Gilbert Cook, by Kathleen & Ken Cook

Bud Wood & Tom Giles, our dads, by Pam & Dick Wood
Leanne Sirek, my daughter, by Rosemary Rydin
Patricia Green, by John Green
Allen & Hester Collins, our parents, by Jeff & Carolyn Collins
Karen Doolittle, by Pat Doolittle
Roger Vesey, by Jean Williams
Mike McGowan, by Velma Greyell
Ray & Clara Houston, by Roger Houston
Patricia Wimple, my mother, by Deb Huffman
Mr. Pat Nofrey, by Mrs. Pat Nofrey
Bessie Page, my mother, by Ruth Nichols
Deborah Nuss, my daughter, by Betty Nuss
Jane Scott & Eveline Shaw, our grandmothers, by Anne & David Scott

Additional Generous Gifts Given By:

Bob & Laurel Blaney, Charlie & Georgia Mackh,
Vicki & Paul Sweet, Rich & DeAnne Hart, Joyce Quinn,
Roger & Keri Swenson, Steve & Jane Green,
Joe & Lee MacDonell, Rodger & Vicki Wasson, Darin Dailey,
Michael & Jean Beebe, Harry Starbuck,
Zane & Holly Ota, Almaden Hills UMC Choir

***Gratitude abounds!...
for all the generous gifts ... and for the beautiful worship music!
~ Thank you, one and all ~***



Apportionments: Our First Mile of Mission Giving; Part 3

Your Church & Society and Missions Committees are providing information about United Methodist apportionments to help you better understand the vital role apportionments play in our mission outreach. Apportionments are our first mile of mission giving. By paying apportionments, Aptos UMC provides help for people we could not reach as an individual church. We pay three types of apportionments: General Conference (national and global programs), Jurisdictional and Conference (programs within the western United States and the California/Nevada Annual Conference), and our own El Camino District missions. The past two months we featured the seven General Conference offerings. This month we'll highlight two jurisdictional apportionments and the California/Nevada Annual Conference apportionment.

Within the U.S., the United Methodist Church is divided into jurisdictions composed of Annual Conferences within a geographic region. The Western Jurisdiction includes the Alaska, California-Nevada, California-Pacific, Desert Southwest, Oregon-Idaho, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, and Yellowstone Conferences. The jurisdiction provides programs and support across the area, enabling conferences to come together and provide united strength. There are two Western Jurisdiction mission outreach programs supported through the California/Nevada annual conference.

Additional information about Apportionments is available from Pastor Pam.

Western Jurisdictional Korean Mission Fund

This apportionment empowers new Korean church development and ministry in the Western Jurisdiction. Methodist missionaries have been active in Korea for years, and Christian Korean immigrants arrive in the United States eager to participate in Methodist churches here. This apportionment provides for Korean-speaking pastors and support for the establishment of Korean ministries within existing churches and the development of new churches serving these immigrants.

Our ACUMC 2011 Commitment is \$73.

Annual Conference Ministry

Our church is part of the California/Nevada Annual Conference – a body of some 40,000 people in UMC churches all across Northern California and Nevada. This apportionment covers the operating costs of the Conference and funds the staff and all boards and agencies. The Annual Conference *event* brings together church delegates for four days once a year in June to determine church direction, policies and programs, conference work goes on all year. However, a great variety of church programs and outreach activities function year-round, and are funded through this apportionment. The conference is currently divided into four districts, each district working with up to 100 churches. The district administrative costs also come out of this apportionment.

**Our ACUMC 2011
Commitment is \$16,318.**

Western Jurisdictional Conference Administration Fund

Just as the United Methodist General Conference meets every four years, representatives from the Annual Conferences within the Western Jurisdictional Conference gather every four years. Delegates discuss common issues and plan programs and activities to further the work of the church in the western part of the United States. This is also the body responsible for electing Bishops. This apportionment covers the costs of the quadrennial Jurisdictional Conference sessions and other administrative and program costs.

Our ACUMC 2011 commitment is \$137.



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE
Sunday, November 20th

Every year, each and every United Methodist Church *around the world (!)* gathers together to celebrate its people and its work, as well as to formalize plans for the coming year. Aptos Community UMC is no different. Our Annual Church Conference this year will be held after worship on Sunday, November 20th. We'll start out with a pot luck (more on that in a moment), and then get down to business, as follows:

- Review of the Membership Roll
- Honoring those who have passed
- Honoring our leaders for 2011
- Approval of the leadership selected for 2012
- Approval of the Pastor's Salary Package
- Review of our 2012 budget.

The Rev. Mike Harrell from First UMC Santa Cruz will officiate.

Everyone in the church is encouraged to attend. *Especially* if you have something really wonderful to offer for lunch! This year, we'll share a "true" pot luck. Bring whatever you like for lunch – with enough to share!

FINANCIAL REPORT – September 2011

	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Variance
Income	\$18,602	\$20,123	\$172,223	\$186,306	(\$14,083)
Expenses	\$17,524	\$20,024	\$176,976	\$194,547	\$17,572
Difference	(\$ 1,078)	\$99	(\$ 4,753)	(\$ 8,241)	\$ 3,488

*Although we have received \$14,083 less in income than expected, we have also spent \$17,572 less than expected, leaving us ahead by \$3,488!!
This is good news, but please catch up on your pledges!*

Average Attendance in Worship: 81

BOOK CLUB PLANS



The ACUMC Book Club meets at 2 P.M. on the third Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

Please contact Laurel Blaney (477-7550) for more information.

Book selections for the upcoming months are:

“The Elegance of the Hedgehog”

by Muriel Barbery.

At the home of Lee MacDonell
Monday, November 21.

“Skipping Christmas”

By John Grisham.

At the home of Lorrie Ingram
Monday, December 19.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!!

That’s right – the dark days of winter are almost upon us! To be “on time,” stay up really late on Saturday, November 5 so that at precisely 2 A.M. on the (early) morning of Sunday, November 6th you can set your clock BACK. Or, you could just do it before you go to bed Saturday night!



One way or another? You get an extra hour’s sleep! And the worst thing that’ll happen? You’ll be EARLY for church!



NEXT TIDE DEADLINE!

December
2011/January 2012
issue deadline: Friday,
November 18th

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

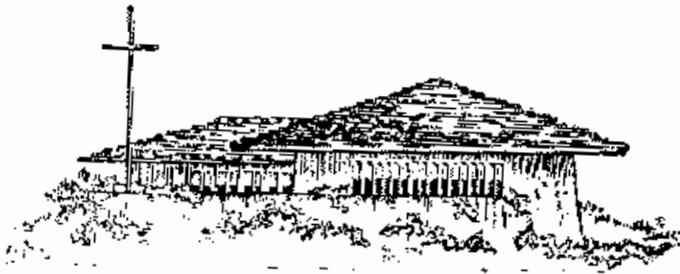
1	Sarah Hancock	16	Don Baldwin
	Rob Langhorne		DeAnne Hart
4	Noelle Harvey		Vicki Sweet
5	John Jackson	19	Brenna Dyson
6	Deb Aaron		Lillian Wilson
8	Darin Dailey	21	Mike Beebe
9	Gary Williamson	22	Pat Doolittle
11	Jon Fiorovich	24	Dan McCourt
14	Debra-Gail Martin	26	Dave Aaron
15	Ruth Landmann	28	Christopher Martin
	Paul Treffkorn		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

20	Mike & Sue Sampson
21	Netha & Jerry Thacker



Calendar



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Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM
Church School at 10:30 AM
Child Care Available 10:15 – 11:45 AM

The Tide

The Tide is published monthly by Aptos Community United Methodist Church. Aptos Community UMC is an inclusive community that welcomes and encourages full participation of *all persons*, regardless of race, culture, age, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical/mental abilities. We affirm our denomination's motto – **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.**

The Church Office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is closed on Mondays.

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