

Today is Human Relations Day. This special offering supports programs like Community Developers, Youth Offender Rehabilitation, and United Methodist Voluntary Services. Human Relations Day is an opportunity for us to celebrate and support ministries that empower communities and nurture hope.

Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room. This month's book is *Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Articles for the February edition of The Tide are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org.

The January/February Upper Room devotional shipment has been delayed and should arrive soon. A PDF version is available. Please contact the office if you would like to receive the electronic version to use until our print copies arrive.

Thanks Today to:

Our Liturgist: Marion Proffitt

Our Usher: Lee MacDonell

Our Tech Team: Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson

Our Coffee Volunteers: Debbie and Marty Mason

Our Altar Flowers: Kate Sutherland

This Week:

Monday, 1/19: **Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ Office Closed**

Tuesday, 1/20: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 1/21: Book Club 1:30 PM

Thursday, 1/22: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 1/23: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 1/26: PACT 10 AM

Online giving is available. Go to aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



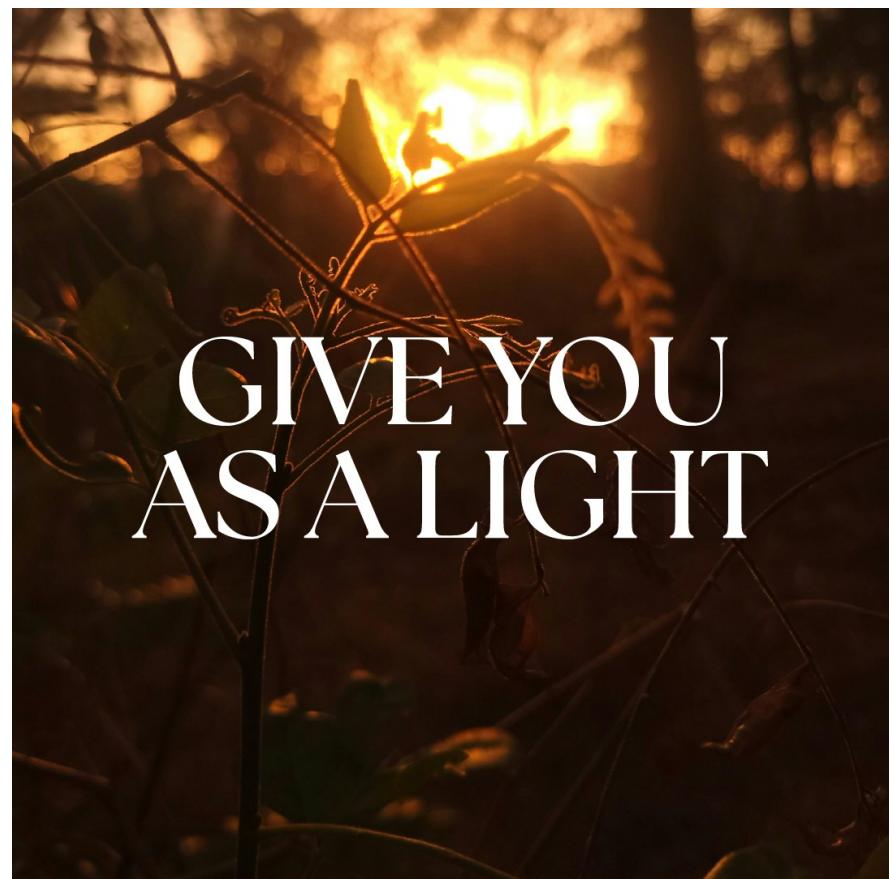
You are invited to join our Prayer Team. The Prayer Team receives a weekly email with prayer requests. To join the Prayer Team or submit a prayer request, contact the church office.

APOTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 18, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Aptos 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"



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Children of God, who has God called you to be?

A light to all the nations!

When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #451

“Be Thou My Vision”

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-7

Sermon

“Gave You as a Light”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2160

“Into My Heart”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We confess that we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #585 (v1,2)

“This Little Light of Mine”

Benediction

Postlude

Isaiah 49:1-7 NRSVue

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
 while I was in my mother's womb he named
me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
 in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
 and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the
earth."

⁷ Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."