

Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room.
This month's book is *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Joyce Rodgers

Our **Usher:** Rachél Lather

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Jane and Steve Green

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Carol Williamson

This Week:

Monday, 11/17: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 11/18: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 11/19: Book Club 1:30 PM

Thursday, 11/20: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM, Trustees 10:30 AM

Friday, 11/21: **Tide Deadline**, Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Thursday, 11/27: **Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed**

Sunday, 11/30: **First Sunday of Advent, Annual Charge Conference**

Aptos UMC sends out a weekly email blast on Saturdays. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact the office at office@aptosumc.org. *If you've given us your email address and aren't receiving the emails, please check your junk or spam folder.*

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.

~ In Our Prayers This Week ~

*Laurel Blaney and the family and friends of Bob Blaney
on his death on November 3. A memorial service will be held on
Saturday, December 27 at Aptos UMC.*

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 16, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

*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

Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,

For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

The old order is gone,

Everything is new!

Illness, disease and crying and mourning,

Shall be as a distant memory!

Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,

For Christ has risen! Death is defeated!

Hallelujah! Jesus lives!

Hallelujah!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we believe, that one day we will all walk in peace, and our enemies will be our friends. We hold this promise in our hearts. One day, God will come for us, and bring us to the new city, where we can rest from our present angst, and find true communion with the Creator and all creation. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #2270

“He Has Made Me Glad”

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 65:17-25

Sermon

“Rejoice Forever in Creation”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2284

“Joy in the Morning”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. Help us believe in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #733 (v1,3,4)

“Marching to Zion”

Benediction

Postlude

Isaiah 65:17-25 NRSVue

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a
lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be
considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be
considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of
their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.