



*Please join us for our*

**80<sup>th</sup>** *Anniversary*

Sunday, July 14, 2024



**Santa Cruz  
Pride Parade  
and Festival  
Sunday, June 2**

**Volunteers needed to staff our church booth.**

Contact Jana Daley for more information.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”*

**Colossians 3:1 NRSVUE**

Greetings Church Family,

Easter has come, but it’s definitely not gone! We are in the middle of the seven week season that celebrates the resurrection of our Lord. This time of remembrance is particularly suitable for pondering our own new birth in Christ and how that regeneration transforms our living and our loving.

Recently we have been looking at the First Epistle of John asking ourselves, “How Shall We Live?”. We touched on the themes of walking in the light, purifying in hope, and abiding in Christ. These illustrations serve to guide us in how to be witnesses to the kingdom, even as we wait for the fulfillment of the promise.

Next we move into the Gospel of John where we will explore the question, “How Shall We Love?”. We will spend some time together, before God, contemplating the invitation to a life that leads with love. Of course, we need to do more than just contemplate; we need to love. We step out; we reach out; we invite and encourage; we lift up and help heal. And sometimes we get it wrong, and sometimes it isn’t received in the spirit intended. But we keep at it. We keep loving. Because that’s what it means to be Easter people.

Indeed there are signs of resurrection all around us. We received Vicki into membership, and baptized Josie. Joyce and Mike coordinated a seed planting project for Earth Day. And the relocation of our children into a special place of their own in our sanctuary has fostered a feeling of inclusion. The common denominator in this resurrection is love: for God, for each other, and for all of creation.

I pray that you all embrace your own resurrection. This new birth we have been given is so we can in turn give life to others. Receive the nourishment that is God’s grace, and grow abundantly in generosity and sharing the gifts we enjoy in Christ.

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!”*

**2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSVUE**

Grace and Peace be with you all,  
Pastor Gabe



## May 26 - Peace with Justice Sunday

Your gift to the Peace with Justice Sunday special offering helps give access to people without adequate jobs, housing, education, food, healthcare, income support, clean water, and more. In addition, your gifts help peace with justice advocates work to dismantle structures and systems that reflect economic exploitation, war, political oppression, and cultural domination. Donations to Peace with Justice Sunday support local grants implemented through our annual conference and justice activities that are focused on education and advocacy. A portion of the offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society. When you give to the PWJS offering, you change the lives of persons who navigate one roadblock after another to attain peace with justice.

## Join us at the Pride Parade and Festival!

Aptos United Methodist Church has a long and proud history of being present at the Santa Cruz Pride parade and festival. This year the festival takes place **Sunday, June 2**. Last year we shared a booth with Trinity Presbyterian Church, which worked out great. We will be doing that again this year.

Please consider signing up for a 2-hour shift helping at our booth. This is a sit-down job, and all you need to provide is a smile and welcoming attitude. We hand out stickers, candy, and water bottles. All these are gratefully received by the parade goers. Many of the parade goers have had a negative experience with religion, being told they are wrong, evil, or worse. This is an opportunity to show people that God loves EVERYONE, regardless of race, creed, or sexual orientation. To show them who WE are.

Please contact [Jana Daley](#) if you can cover a shift between 11 AM and 4:30 PM.



## Small Group Meetings

Small Groups are open to anyone. If you have questions about any of the groups, please contact Pastor Gabe.

- **Blaney Group** - Sunday at 11:15 AM in the Youth Room
- **PACT** - every other Monday at 10 AM (*May 6 & 20*)  
<https://zoom.us/j/97895982359?pwd=dURlM09lZlZlV2pLN3ByZkxwT1pHQOT09>  
Meeting ID **978 9598 2359** Passcode **813515**
- **Alive Now** - Tuesday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Upper Room** - Wednesday at 7 PM ( *canceled for May 1 & 8*)  
<https://zoom.us/j/94925380499?pwd=OGNpaHc4VmZ2OFhicZVML2M2ME5Ddz09>  
Meeting ID **974 1046 9403** Passcode **935450**
- **Scott Group** - Friday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

**Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary every Sunday at 10 AM.**

**We are now livestreaming on YouTube.**  **YouTube**

To watch live click [HERE](#), or go to <https://www.youtube.com/@aptosumc/streams>.

In addition to watching worship live, recordings of services will be available there.

*Please also subscribe to our YouTube channel: @aptosumc*

Online giving is available on our website by clicking on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or by clicking [here](#).

## Church and Society

April showers bring May flowers, as the saying goes, and together we are hoping that the sweet peas that the children planted on Earth Day Sunday in April are now reaching up towards the bright May sun! Likewise, the seeds for our community garden of organic, heirloom vegetables have been planted, and the sprouts are being tended and cared for in hopes of a bountiful harvest later in the season when we will have a potluck of pizza adorned with our homegrown vegetables. As a church family, we have embraced the theme of Common Ground: Cultivating Connections Between Our Faith, Our Food, and the Climate.

Healthy soil helps solve the climate crisis. Healthy soil leads to healthy humans and animals, healthy water, and a healthy climate. Did you know there are more microbes in a teaspoon of healthy soil than there are people on the planet? Food-growing practices that conserve or regenerate the soil support the health of these tiny creatures and the system they are part of. Some of these practices include no tilling or chemicals, using compost for fertilizer, and rotating diverse crops to avoid pests. Keeping the soil covered with growing plants feeds the microorganisms that build the carbon in the soil. These practices increase water retention, providing a buffer against drought and flooding.

Since we all purchase food, we all have the opportunity to influence how our food is grown. As a part of our commitment to cultivating connections between our faith, our food, and the climate, consider the above practices in your own gardens and consider purchasing your food from local growers who utilize these practices.

**Remember!** Remember who you are and Whose you are: You are a beloved child of God. The very first commandment God gave humanity was to care for creation (Genesis 1–2). In your approach to all things created by God and by humans, remember you are a caretaker. Let that sacred charge be your guide!

A local Aptos subgroup of Village Santa Cruz County, which serves seniors in our area, will meet at our church on the first Wednesday of May, May 1 at 1 PM. Come all ye seniors and join us! Several individuals from our congregation are already participating and valuing the connections they are making with others in the community.

*For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God,  
For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

**"For the Fruits of This Creation", hymn #97**

Joyce Rodgers  
Church and Society chair/Missions/Green Team





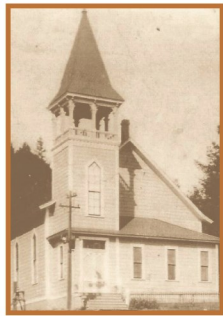
YOU'RE INVITED TO AFC'S

# 12TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 2024, 6-8:30 PM

\$50/TICKET OR \$1000/TABLE SPONSOR

MORE INFO AND TICKETS AT  
[AFCSANTACRUZ.ORG/GALA](http://AFCSANTACRUZ.ORG/GALA)



*The Lorenzo Methodist Episcopal Church, 1885*

## *150 years of service!*

*Boulder Creek*

*United Methodist Church*

*12855 Boulder Street*

*Join us* as we celebrate the service and ministry of the first church in "Lorenzo" (which became Boulder Creek)

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

- 2:00 Open House, and an opportunity to view our art exhibit, [Matters of Faith](#)
- 4:00 Music of Americana  
- [Open Heart Strings](#)
- 4:45 A brief history of our church & the community around it.
- 5:00 Program which will include presentations and sharing memories of the church's ministry & life.
- 6:00 Buffet supper



*The Boulder Creek United Methodist Church - today*



### Birthdays

- 1 Jenna Wafford
- 3 Connie Moore
- 4 Jenny Lewis
- 5 Kathleen Cook  
Zane Ota  
Miles Wafford
- 9 Burt Rodgers
- 12 Mykal Philbin
- 13 Molly Hucklebridge  
Mike Proffitt
- 14 Barbara Coy-Bulicz
- 16 Kathleen Hoaglund
- 17 Clyde Vaughn
- 18 Sydney Ota
- 20 Amanda Favorite
- 22 Allison Ota  
Doug Sampson  
Kate Sutherland
- 23 Maya Harvey  
Lee MacDonell
- 27 John Green  
Mark Hucklebridge
- 30 Paul Moody
- 31 Dan Rossi

### Anniversaries

- 15 Joe & Lee MacDonell
- 19 Jim & Carol Williamson
- 23 Jay & Bridget Parr
- 25 Barbara & Linda Sizelove-Secola

### *Thank you from the Blaney's*

First, we want to thank Pastor Gabe for sitting with us, praying with us, and loving us through the two surgeries.

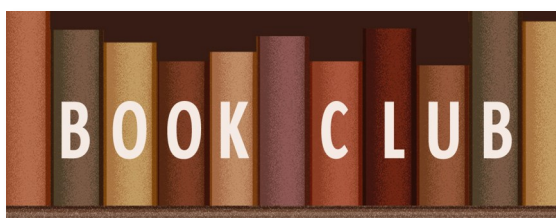
How grateful we are for the way God's love through this church sustained us with prayer, fed us with meals, and uplifted us with cards. This church knows how to love and we were the recipients over that two month period. Thank you so very much.

Peace, joy, and love,  
The Blaney's



### **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, please contact the church office.



### Book Club

#### **May 15:** *The Vulnerables* by Sigrid Nunez

The Book Club meets at 1:30 PM on the third Wednesday of every month in the Youth Room. *Anyone is welcome to attend.*

For more information, please contact Barbara Coy-Bulicz at 689-9772 or [bcoybulicz@gmail.com](mailto:bcoybulicz@gmail.com).

### Online Giving

To give online, go to [www.aptosumc.org](http://www.aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or click [HERE](#).

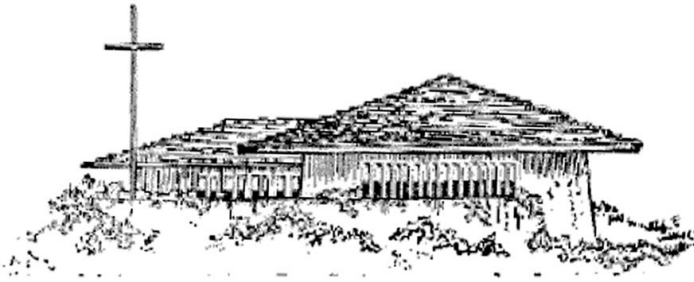
Or, scan this code using your smartphone:

- *For iPhone (iOS 11 or later):* Launch the Camera app, frame the QR code, and tap the notification at the top of the screen.
- *For Android devices:* You'll need to download a third-party app, such as QR Code Reader.



Creating an account online is not necessary unless you would like to set up a recurring payment or if you would like to save your payment information for future transactions.

**Contact the church office ([office@aptosumc.org](mailto:office@aptosumc.org) or 831-688-2210) if you have any questions or need assistance.**



## **Aptos Community United Methodist Church**

*"The Church Worth Finding"*

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### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Sunday Worship at 10 AM in person  
and livestreamed on YouTube**

*YouTube channel: @aptosumc*

**Deadline for  
June Tide**  
Friday, May 17

*The Tide* is published monthly by Aptos United Methodist Church. 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.***

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

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