



Cailan Darling

Granddaughter of Margie Jurach

Master of Business Administration, Cal State Monterey Bay

Grandchildren of Joyce & Burt Rodgers

Elena Sibley, New Brighton Middle School, Capitola, CA

Julian Douma, East Avenue Middle School, Livermore, CA

Caius Lewis, Pioneer Elementary School, Davis, CA

Grandchildren of Dick Wood

Gigi Ganz, graduating high school

Sydney Wood, graduating high school

Brynn Wood, graduating middle school



Congratulations!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*“Now the Lord said to Abram,
“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.””*

Genesis 12:1 NRSVUE

Greetings Church Family,

This month, as we enter the long, green, growing stretch of the Season after Pentecost, we’re kicking off a new sermon series called “Forming a Family/Preparing a People.” And we’re starting with the ultimate hitchhikers of faith: Abraham and Sarah.

God taps this elderly, comfortable couple on the shoulder and essentially says, “Pack your bags. We’re going on a trip.”

Notice what God didn’t give them? A map. A brochure. A 10-step strategic plan. God didn't even give them a final destination. God just gave them a promise and an invitation to trust.

If we’re honest, Abraham and Sarah weren’t superheroes. They were a beautiful mess. They got scared, they took disastrous detours, they doubted, and when God told 90-year-old Sarah she was finally going to have a baby, she didn't fall to her knees in pious prayer, she laughed out loud.

But our God is a God of the laugh, the doubt, and the detour. In the United Methodist tradition, we talk a lot about Prevenient Grace, the beautiful truth that God’s love is actively chasing us down long before we ever figure out how to follow. God didn’t choose Abraham and Sarah because they had it all together. God chose them because they were willing to put one foot in front of the other.

Right now, our world feels pretty fractured. Everywhere we look, people are being asked to draw lines in the sand, pick a side, and carry the heavy baggage of suspicion and division.

But as we gather together we’re reminded of a different way to live. It’s the way of hospitality. It’s the realization that the grace offered to us is the exact same grace offered to the person sitting across the aisle, regardless of how they vote, or who they are, or where they come from.

Like Abraham and Sarah, we’re being formed into a family. Not a perfect family, but a covenant family. We’re part of a story that spans across centuries, cultures, and generations.

We’re traveling together, friends. The road is long, the company is delightfully quirky, and the destination is always in God’s hands. Let's pack light, trust deep, and see where the Spirit leads.

*“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse,
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Genesis 12:2-3 NRSVUE

Grace and Peace be with you all,
Pastor Gabe



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 7.**

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 organized religion, having been 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.



Click [here](#) to sign up online.

New Member

On May 24, Sandra Oringderff was received into membership. She comes to us from St. John's UMC in Lubbock, Texas.

Welcome to the Aptos UMC family!



Healing the World
The 178th California-Nevada Annual Conference Session
June 26 - 29, 2026
Isaiah 58:12

June 21 - Annual Conference Special Offering

Our gifts will be split between three offering opportunities at this year's [Annual Conference Session](#):

- [Fred Finch Youth and Family Services](#), a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization that strives to partner with people and communities to provide culturally responsive services that cultivate mental and physical resiliency and wellness
- *Necessitous Fund*
- *Ministerial Education Fund*

Online giving is available [here](#).

Church and Society

Santa Cruz Pride Parade and Festival ~ June 7 ~ 11 AM

Santa Cruz Pride is the largest LGBTQ+ event on the Central Coast and the third oldest Pride Parade and Festival in California, attracting over 7,000 participants annually since 1975. This year's event entitled "Unite With Pride" will take place on Sunday, June 7 at 11 AM in downtown Santa Cruz.

Aptos UMC will be sponsoring a booth and give-away bake sale. Please join us in this celebratory event. United Methodists are urged to speak up for persons who face marginalization of any kind, including because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

"The United Methodist Church commits to befriending and caring for all persons, including LGBTQ persons in our churches and communities" (Resolution 3120).



Missions

Aptos United Methodist Church continues to offer space to Village Santa Cruz, an organization that helps seniors age in place, stay socially connected, and receive help with short-term projects as needed. The Aptos subgroup of the Village meets at our church on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 PM. The next meeting will be June 3. You are welcome to attend if interested.

Green Team

Conserve water rain or shine!

Simple shifts to conserve in our daily lives can make a big difference. Here are some simple actions you can take to help reduce water use inside and outside your home. Go to "Save Our Water California" for many ideas or click [here](#).

"Know Your Rights" cards

"Know Your Rights" cards are available in multiple languages. This resource has been provided by Rev. J. Martin Lee, California-Nevada Conference, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries. Please print and share as needed to ensure this vital resource is available in our community. Contact the [church office](#) for more information or questions.



Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate

Every first Sunday of the month, Laurel offers coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

April Financial Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over/Under Budget
<u>INCOME</u>			
Pledge, Plate, Other Giving	53,540.00		
Secret Garden, Building Use	22,358.96		
Investment Income	1,640.37		
TOTAL INCOME	\$77,539.33	\$84,853.36	-\$7,314.03
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Church Program & Office			
Conference Apportionments	10,469.00		
Church Program Funding	447.90		
Maintenance, Supplies	387.72		
Office Expenses	1,816.46		
Employee Compensation	16,365.68		
Subtotal, Church Program & Office Expenses	\$29,486.76	\$28,635.32	-\$851.44
Church Campus			
Custodial	1,180.00		
Utilities	8,283.24		
Insurance	5,637.08		
Taxes	1,713.90		
Maintenance, Improvements	2,071.03		
Subtotal, Church Campus Expenses	\$18,885.25	\$18,589.32	-\$295.93
Pastoral Ministry & Parsonage			
Salary	20,109.36		
Housing & Utilities	1,500.00		
Travel, Annual Conference, Education, Supplies	2,102.27		
Health Insurance	4,513.28		
Pastor's Pension	3,809.04		
Parsonage Mortgage, Insurance, Taxes, Maintenance	8,942.27		
Subtotal, Pastoral Ministry & Parsonage Expenses	\$40,976.22	\$40,991.68	\$15.46
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$89,348.23	\$88,216.32	-\$1,131.91
NET INCOME - EXPENSES	-\$11,808.90	-\$3,362.96	-\$8,445.94



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"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Dear Friends in ministry,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!*

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need.

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Roland Fernandes
 General Secretary of Global Ministries, UMCOR, and Higher Education and Ministry

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Amount: \$850
 Parker, Katherine
 Date Received 04/03/2026

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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 (*June 1, 15, & 29*)
<https://zoom.us/j/97895982359?pwd=dURlM09lZlZlV2pLN3ByZkxwT1pHQ09>
Meeting ID **978 9598 2359** Passcode **813515**
- **Alive Now** - Tuesday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Upper Room** - Tuesday at 7 PM (New study book - *The Upper Room Disciples*. Click [here](#) for more information.)
<https://zoom.us/j/94925380499?pwd=OGNpaHc4VmZ2OFhicZVML2M2ME5Ddz09>
Meeting ID **974 1046 9403** Passcode **935450**



Birthdays

Robbie Swenson, Georgia Mackh,
Murray Lewis, Buzz Little,
Maxine Wist, Jay Parr, Helen
Greene, Ying Au, Mario Monroy

Anniversaries

Suzanne & Dan McCourt
Marty & Debbie Mason
Holly & Zane Ota
Peggy & Ken Kaysen
Jean & Mike Beebe
Paula & Tom LaHue

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our calendar or incorrect, please contact the [office](#).



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](#).



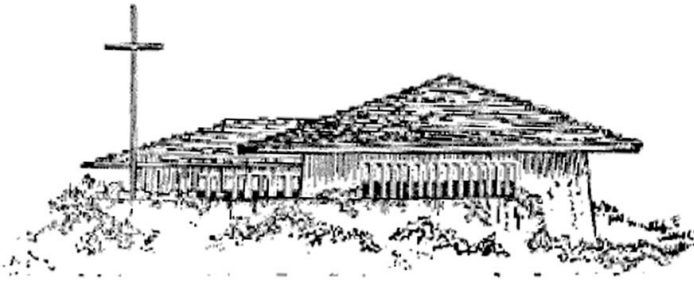
June 17 *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood

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.

Online Giving

To give online, go to www.aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or click [HERE](#), or scan this QR code using your smartphone. 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 or 831-688-2210) if you have any questions or need assistance.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship at 10 AM in person

and livestreamed on  YouTube

YouTube channel: @aptosumc

**Deadline for
July Tide**
Friday, June 19

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.

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

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