



Pastor Bonnie is back!
Feel free to stop by the church office on Thursday, August 3 anytime from 10am - noon for refreshments and to welcome her home from her sabbatical.

Many thanks to our sabbatical Pastors!



A special thank you to our wonderful substitute preachers, Rev. Penny Sarvis and Rev. Marty Williams. Together, they have served our church faithfully and joyfully. It has been a pleasure having the opportunity to work with both of them.





Treasurer's Article

It is hard to believe that summer is half over. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather and staying cool. The Solar project is officially completed, we just received the final approval from PG&E at the beginning of July. We should start saving on utilities now, especially with all the warm weather. Pledges are strong and expenses are down for the year. We are short \$5000 in the fund raisers account, but we have the Peddlers Fair coming in August. This fundraiser should make up that short fall. Thanks for all your financial support. Patty

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO OVERSEE A YARD SALE AT UNION ON 8/12. NO MOVING OF STUFF REQUIRED, WE JUST NEED SOMEONE TO BE PRESENT TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO LOOK AT STUFF IN BASEMENT, SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM, ETC. ANYTHING NOT SOLD (OR TAKEN) WILL GO UP TO THE PEDDLERS FAIR. THE LESS WE HAVE TO TRANSPORT TO MURPHYS, THE BETTER. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR JOE JACKSON IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP!



WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CHURCH, AS WELL AS OTHER ERRANDS. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE PARISH CARE TEAM OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Christian Education Recap

By the time this is written the youth will have gone and returned from Camp Tamarack. Stella, JT, Gabe and Solomon went this year and Tanya went as a Camp Counselor. I am sure they had a wonderful time. Make sure and ask them about it.

In other news, we are busy preparing for Vacation Bible School. It will be held August 7-11th, the first week Pastor Bonnie is back. We will be tie dying t-shirts the first day, making lasagna on Thursday and having a picnic in the Murphys park on Friday. It will be a busy, fun time for all. Please spread the word about it. VBS is for children 4-11 years old. The Junior High and high school students will be helpers (shepherds) for the younger children, and will receive a special gift at the end of VBS. Let us know if you have an older student who would like to help out. Hope everyone is staying cool. -Patty



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 7- 11, 2023
9AM - 12PM**

Remembering Barbara Peterson



I first met Barbara Peterson as a neighbor. One of our monthly game nights fell the night before her 80th birthday. Learning that her family planned a gathering later in the week, many made suggestions and offers to include her on her birthday which she responded "maybe" "I'll think about it", "I'm not sure", etc. However, when it was my turn I said "I'm going to church-- you are welcome to join me". Her immediate answer was "Yes". From that

week on she attended regularly, got involved with Women's Fellowship, served on Worship Team and often volunteered as a literigist and ushering.

Barbara enjoyed the Chocolate Festival bringing her famous Naiamo Bars and serving coffee. Barbara was raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, and moved to San Jose with her husband and young family.

Her love of children and animals continued throughout her life. As a young girl she was an accomplished dressage horse competitor. Her interest in anything connected with horses was always part of her life. We all knew that Kentucky Derby day was her MOST favorite day of the year. A recent great joy was her visit with Marilyn Baisel to her daughter's horse ranch near Lockeford and seeing the young colts.

After moving to Murphys Barbara enjoyed a career in real estate and worked at the Murphys hotel. She was often recruited to play competitive Bridge.

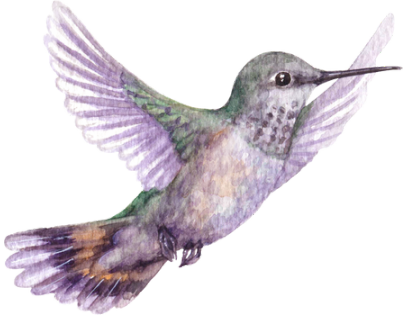
Looking forward to joining Barbara's family on August 19th to celebrate their mother, grandmother and friend.

Submitted by: Connie Cook



Sharon Grassmyer, Margaret White, Barbara Peterson, Feb. 2020

In memory of Gail Withuhn



Long time member, Gail Withuhn passed into eternal rest on July 3, 2023. There will be a celebration of life at UCC Murphys on Saturday October 14, the time is TBD. In the meantime, cards can be sent to: The Withuhn Family P.O. Box 561 Burson, CA 95225



CONGRATULATIONS, PETER!



AFTER 4 AND 1/2 YEARS OF PAPERWORK AND APPOINTMENTS, PETER MARAI-MURO IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES. A SMALL CELEBRATION, PUT TOGETHER BY THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE, WAS HELD FOR HIM ON SUNDAY, JULY 16. CONGRATULATIONS, PETER! WE ARE SO PROUD TO WELCOME YOU!





Small Group Meetings:

August 8: South Grove Bunch

5:30pm in Eastman Contact Faye Morrison

August 11: The Wanderers

10am in Murphys Contact Marilyn Baisel.

August 15: Cottage Circle

10 am in Murphys home Contact Meg Self.

August 22: Small Group #5

10am in Murphys home Contact Pam Kimes.

August 23: Angels Angels

11am at Union Contact Barb Olivier.

***note that our Family Program Small Group will not be meeting during the summer.**

They will be back in September.



The Knitters and Hookers will have their next gathering on August 16. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11am - 2pm at Liz Tussey's house.



Book Study meetings:

August 17, 2 - 4pm

August 31, 2 - 4pm

The Book Club is part of our Christian Education program and meets every other Thursday in the Eastman Education Center. Contact Patty Haskell or Liz Tussey for more details.



The reader board is back! Thank you, Joe Jackson for repairing this!

Upcoming Events



PEDDLERS'
FAIRE
Aug. 25 - 26

\$40/double space
Contact Joe Jackson
for more details.

Worship at White
Pines
August 20th,
10am

SIERRA
HOPE

HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES, PROGRAMS & EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE!

Our (27th Annual) 2023 Walk for Hope will be held on first day of fall!

Start thinking about forming your teams now!

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Calaveras Big Trees State Park

Community Resources

The Resource Connection

Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives



SERVICES OFFERED

FREE DENTAL CARE

Cleanings
Fillings
Extractions

FREE MEDICAL SCREENING

Glucose Check
Blood Pressure & Pulse
Lifestyle Coaching

FREE ADULT EYE CARE

Refraction Eye Exams
Fittings for Free Glasses

OTHER SERVICES

Free haircuts
Massage Therapy
Foot Care
Chiropractic Care



No Insurance Required
No ID Required
All Welcome Ages 10+

Two day clinic

FREE HEALTHCARE

1stCome-1stServed

40 N Forest Rd, Sonora, CA 95370

September 16, 17, 2023
Registration hours: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

209.532.1991



A humanitarian service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

The Resource Connection Food Bank
USDA Commodities Schedule and Locations
***1st Thursday of the month 9:00am - 11:00am**

(income qualified)

**ARNOLD CHAPEL IN THE PINES 2286
CEDAR LANE; 795-1064**

**COPPEROPOLIS ARMORY 695 MAIN
STREET; 785-2275**

**RAILROAD FLAT COMMUNITY BIBLE
CHURCH
56 RAILROAD FLAT ROAD; 293-7307**

**SAN ANDREAS CALAVERAS SENIOR
CENTER
956 MOUNTAIN RANCH ROAD; 754-1257**

**ANGELS CAMP FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1555 DEPOT ROAD; 736-2464**

**VALLEY SPRINGS COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
135 LAUREL STREET; 772-2429**

**WEST POINT VFW BUILDING 202
SPINKS ROAD; 293-3322**

**MOUNTAIN RANCH COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER
7869 WHISKEY SLIDE ROAD; 754-4073**



Gary Carson-Hull 2
Tami Chesnut 2
Colby Inks 3
Karen Rojas 4
Patti Hennessee 7
Teddie Jackson 7
Liz Graham 7
Hank Fletcher 12
Teri Olivas 13
Diane Hosmer 13
Maria Restivo 14
Lynne Schneider 17
Bob Henning 19
Erin Borean 20
David Kelly 28
Diane Hosmer 31

The scriptures tell us: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

We continue to witness the stories of how God answers our prayers!

God hears our cries and answers them.

Let us pray daily for the following members and friends of our community:

All those who are ill:

Lynne Bird
Dodi Horvath
Gail Williams
Tommy Pratt
Tom Black
Shirley Soderer
Tabitha Kremesec
Hilary Oldenkamp
Angela Patterson
Tracey Ellifritz
Maggie Di Dio
John G.
Neil P.

August



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon	Welcome back, Pastor Bonnie! Open house at office 10am - 12pm	12pm Women's AA	5
10am Worship	6:45pm Al-Anon	5:30 - 7:30pm South Grove Bunch Sm. Grp. EEC	12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon	1pm Exec. meeting EEC	10am The Wanderers Sm. Grp. in Murphys 12pm Women's AA	12
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10am Worship at White Pines	6:45pm Al-Anon		11am Angels Angels Sm. Group		PEDDLERS' FAIR	26
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Youth Picnic in the Park after church	6:45pm Al-Anon	29	30	31		

God's love echoes through us to all creation.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, MURPHYS MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that all people are beloved by God and we strive to serve as a welcoming and nurturing church community to discern the Bible with insight for today and to live out Christ's teachings.

The Nugget Committee invites you to submit articles of interest and wishes to stress that the deadline is always the 15th of each month.

The Committee reserves the right to edit submissions for length and content.