

Whoever you are,
Wherever you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here.

THE NUGGET

Open Door United Church of Christ

JUNE



GREAT and **WIDE**



Strengthen the Church

Strengthen the Church Offering June 8

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.



We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 22 immediately after worship. This is an important meeting, with decisions made that affect all of our members, so please do plan on attending!



Small Groups Schedule:

First Fridays

Friday, June 6

2pm

Alan Horvath

South Grove Bunch

Monday, June 9

5:30pm

Faye Morrison

The Seekers

Tuesday, June 17

5pm

Faye Morrison

Faith & Friends

Thursday, June 19

10am

Pam Kimes

The Wanderers

Friday, June 20

10am

Marilyn Baisel

Angels Angels

Weds., June 25

11am

Barb Olivier



The UCC Northern California Nevada Conference is having their Annual Gathering on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at City of Refuge UCC in Oakland and on Zoom. The Annual Gathering combines worship, workshops, Conference business, and fellowship.

For more information and to register, please visit

<https://ncncucc.org/event/ncnc-annual-gathering/>

If you need scholarship help, please ask your church and Association first. Still need help? Email Joy@ncncucc.org for a coupon code.

**Save
The
Date**



We will be having our Annual Outdoor Worship at White Pines Park on Sunday, August 24. Please stay tuned for more details.



Director of Christian Education

It has been a busy Spring. We are now changing gears and getting ready for Vacation Bible School, July 28-August 1st. We will have a similar schedule from previous years. It will start out 9:00 with opening activities, have a snack and then move to 3 groups, followed by a closing activity. This schedule was very successful

last time we had Vacation Bible school. The final day, August 1st will be a pizza lunch in the park, which everyone enjoys!! We have started registration and hope that you will invite grandchildren and neighborhood children to join us. Ages are K-5th grades. If you would like more information or would like to help, please contact Patty.

We are also registering and preparing students for our Conference-run Camp Tamarack. Many students have attended in previous years and really enjoyed it. If your child is interested in attending, please call Jenny and she will help you register them. If you need more info, please contact Patty.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School will be held from
Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1
from 9am to 12pm.
Stay tuned for registration details.



Registration is now open for Camp Tamarack! The camp dates are listed below. Scholarships are available, so please talk to Patty for more info!

Camp Tam. Jr.

Grades 4 - 6
July 13 - 19

Camp Tam Jr. High

Grades 7 - 9
July 20 - 26

Camp Tam Senior

Grades 10 - 12
July 27 - Aug. 2





Moderator's Message

Well, the first half of the year has spun by already, and our beloved Pastor Bonnie and Dr. Daryl are on their way to South Carolina. We wish them all the best in retirement! I think the closing service celebrating the two of them on May 25th was just wonderful, and I surely thank all who participated, contributed, played music or sang, prepared and shared food, etc. I think both Bonnie and Daryl were magnificently honored!



The search continues; in early June the Pastoral search committee will host an interim candidate that we all have high hopes for. So, keep us in your prayers as we continue our efforts. Once the interim pastor has arrived, we will undertake the search for a settled pastor, so keep praying! Be sure to have June 22nd following worship circled on your calendar. This is the date for the annual congregational meeting to vote on the slate of officers and teams. In addition, our treasurer, Patty Haskell, will be presenting a request to do a mid-year budget adjustment based on additional funds needed for the interim pastor compensation package, and the need for substitute pastors and musicians. Also, Patty will present revised endowment guidelines, and Barbara Olivier will update us on the Pastor Search process. Busy times and lots of information will be shared!

Revs Mickey and Penny will be preaching for much of June, as well as Rev. Marty on at least one Sunday, so you won't want to miss any of that. There are lots of other activities happening in the summer including VBS, Camp Tamarack, White Pines worship, etc, so be sure to stay tuned.

Blessings to all as we traverse this time of change and ask the Lord to be with us each and every step of the way.

Carrie Shinn, Moderator

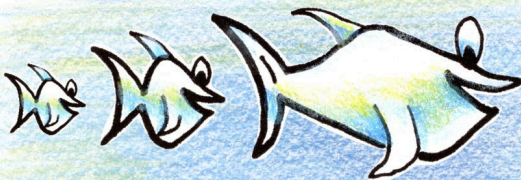
We are still busily working on the updated 2025 Directory. It will be ready after the meeting on June 22 to reflect the updated committee rosters. Please continue to send photos to the church secretary if you've not already done so!

Treasurer Report



Please attend the Congregational Meeting on June 22. I will be presenting a new revised Endowment Policy and also will be requesting a Budget Revision. These documents will be sent to

you before the meeting for you to review. Pastor Bonnie, Barbara, and I worked hard on the Endowment policy to include up to date language and we also consulted with UC Funds to include appropriate language for the policy. Please review and let me know if you have any questions. The Budget revision is necessary since salary figures were incorrect and there are many unknowns during this transitional period. Finance and Facilities and the Council have approved increasing pay for the Pastor substitute and also the music substitutes which currently is not reflected in the budget. I will go into more detail at the meeting. If you want more information now, please contact me. Patty



O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.
There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

Psalms 104



The Resource Connection
Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives

The Resource Connection, in partnership with the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) and the California Department of Public Health, will be distributing resources in the Social Hall on Thursday, June 12 from 9am - 4pm. They are here on the 2nd Thursday of every OTHER month.



Rev. Dr. Liz Armstrong 2

Kim Plowman 3

Jim Reynolds 4

Martha See 8

Rich Gutierrez 9

Cynthia Restivio 10

Fred Bender 11

Vee Domazliky 12

April Friend 13

Melissa Horecasitas 14

Jamie Leigh 15

J.T. Glessman 19

Liz Tussey 19

Jenny Fuqua 19

Susan Giannini 20

Fay Messer 20

Ainsley Ryan 20

Aidan Inks 21

Cassie Ryan 21

Sharon Greed 25

Doris Williams 26

Anna Wright 30

The scriptures tell us:

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 4:19

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:

Prayer List

Simone and Hal Clements

Lauren Clark Tusa

Tracey Ellifritz

Carl Smith

Rev. Mickey Williamson

Sandra Sather

Baby Rowan

Lynne Klein

Tricia Ow-McCormick

Pat (Mark's friend)

Clint Graves

Matt Olivier

Robin Chesnut

Angela Patterson

Sandy Fox-Hill

Laura Miller

Dan Kuhn

Don Walton

Adrienne Zimmerman

Mike (Mark McCormick)

Tari Takara

Ben Richardson (LaMonts)

Liz Tussey

Bruce (Miriam Thorsen)

Dodi Horvath

Brian Whitehead

Rev. John Randlett

Rev. Marti Williams

Don't see your birthday listed? We promise it isn't on purpose. Please contact the church office to have your special day added to our list.

HELLO JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10am worship <i>Holy Communion</i>	2 6:30pm Al-Anon	3	4 12:30pm AA 6:30pm AA	5	6 12pm Women's AA 2pm First Fridays	7
8 10am worship <i>Strengthen the Church Offering</i>	9 6:30pm Al-Anon	10 10:30am Past. Search mtg., EEC 1pm F&F mtg. ZOOM	11 12:30pm AA 6:30pm AA	12	13 12pm Women's AA 10am The Wanderers	14
15 10am Worship	16 5:30pm South Grove Bunch sm. grp. 6:30pm Al-Anon	17 12pm M&C mtg., EEC 5:30pm The Seekers	18 12:30pm AA 6:30pm AA	19 10am Faith & Friends	20 12pm Women's AA	21
22 10am Worship 11am Annual Congregational Meeting	23	24 10:30am Past. Search mtg., EEC	25 11am Angels Angels 12:30pm AA 6:30pm AA	26	27 12pm Women's AA	28
29 10am Worship	30 6:30pm Al-Anon				5pm Worship mtg., ZOOM	

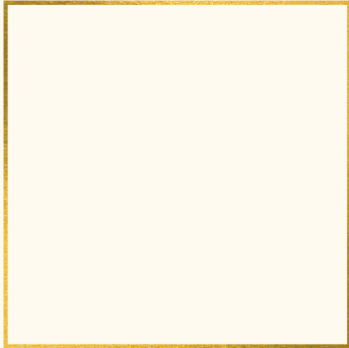
God's love echoes through us to all creation.
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Pastor (open)
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. John Randlett
Music Director (open)
Secretary Jenny Fuqua
Custodian Lucie Tardif
Christian Ed Director Patty Haskell
Childcare Shayanna DuCharme

Officers
Moderator Carrie Shinn
Vice Moderator Barbara Olivier
Treasurer Patty Haskell
Assistant Treasurer Shad Sundberg

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 25th of each month.

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