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THE NUGGET

United Church of Christ

**Our Annual
Congregational
Meeting will take place
on Sunday, June 23
immediately after
worship.**

**We will be having our
New Member class and
luncheon on Sunday,
June 2 after worship.**



The 2024 NCNC
Annual Gathering
will take place at
First
Congregational
UCC
“The Big Red Church”
in Fresno on
June 6 to 8, 2024.
You can register at
www.ncncucc.org

Pastor's Article



What a wonderful year we are having! Lots of fresh faces in our congregation and our young people continue to thrive in our church programs. Five of them will be attending summer camp this year. When we hold our congregational meeting in June, we will be organizing ourselves for another year of incredible ministry. We are working on a new name for our merged church. We are trying to get effective solutions for the homeless in our county by working with other churches and county agencies. You have stood by the sick and the grieving and tended to their needs. It is YOU who are doing the great work of sharing the love of God in our community and to one another. I feel most blessed to be your pastor and am strengthened in my faith by your commitment and care. Even though we have had many losses recently, together we pray and work side by side to encourage and support each other.

Perhaps you are tired and need a break. It is okay to say no when asked to serve on a team or committee or to do a task. It is my dream that when you say yes it is because you hear God calling and you feel up to the work. One great beauty of being the church is that we can take turns in getting things done. Some of our officers have served a long time and they need some rest. When you see them, thank them for the marvelous care they give to all of us. Please pray and continue to be open to how you might be able to use your talents and time for leadership in our ministry here. Reveling in our ministry together!

Joy in the Journey, Pastor Bonnie



Meditation Service in the Tradition of Taizé

We will be having two Taizé services in June. The first one will be on Wednesday, June 5 at 7pm and the second one will be on Sunday, June 30 at 10am.

Moderator's Message



It's hard to believe we're almost halfway through 2024 already! We are so very blessed to have Pastor Bonnie back amongst us after her medical leave. We hope and pray that she is truly on the mend and back to full health.

Don't miss the calendar of events attached here as there are lots of exciting things ahead of us. Be sure to put our annual meeting on 6/23, following

worship, on your calendar. The main purpose of this meeting is to approve the slate of officers and team nominations carefully put together by the nominating committee. These positions run July 1st to June 30th each year, and we'll need to have a quorum present on the 23rd to approve the slate.

There will not be a budget adjustment at the June meeting as finances are pretty stable, so that's good news. We will hear from Barbara Olivier with an update on progress by the Re-Naming Ad-Hoc team. In addition, we will hear the selection and award of the "Unsung Hero" award by last years' honorees, Shad and Tanya Sundberg. I know you'll all want to be present to hear and honor the folks they've selected. And we will need your votes on several other items related to our By-laws, so please plan on attending.

The Christian Enrichment team has lots of fun things planned for the summer months, including Family Camp, Vacation Bible School and church camp for 5 of our youth. A big thank you to all who stepped up and contributed to the campership fund. We have all our camper fees for this year covered, and a starting balance to take us into the 2025 camping season.

Hope to see you in worship, and at the annual meeting on June 23rd!

Carrie Shinn
Moderator



We reached our Camp Tamarack campership goal of \$1350 and then some! We have a bit extra to roll over into next year. Many thanks to all who contributed!

Join us for an amazing time with Archaeologist Alison Stevenot.

JUNE 09, 2024 at 12:30

A CHILI SOUP LUNCH w/SPEAKER

In EASTMAN at First Congregational UCC in Murphys

509 North Algiers Street

Murphys CA 95257

The Outreach and Social Team is so excited to be bringing U.S. Forest Service Archaeologist Alison Stevenot to us to speak on the abundant cultural and natural resources in our local National Forest. This will be an informative and interesting presentation on the history of the area, the importance of protecting cultural resources, and how the U.S. Forest Service is managing those resources. A Chili and Soup lunch will be provided by your Outreach and Social Justice Team. All are welcome. Please let us know if you are coming by signing up at the church next Sunday or by reaching out to Lynne or Jenny so we can know how much food to prepare. We look forward to seeing you all there! Lynne, O&SJ chair. 209-728-3141 or 209-768-8677

The All Church Camping Trip at Big Trees State Park will be from July 12 - 14, 2024 with Worship being held at Big Trees at 10am on Sunday June 14. Please see the sign up sheets in the Social Hall.



**CAMP TAMARACK
2024 SEASON**

July 14 - 20:
Camp Tam Senior

July 21 - 27:
Camp Tam Junior High

July 28 - Aug. 3:
Camp Tam Junior

Please reach out to Patty Haskell for more information.





Small Group Meetings:

June 13:

**South Grove Bunch
5:30pm at Soup Supper
Contact Faye Morrison**

June 14:

**The Wanderers
11am in Murphys
Contact Marilyn Baisel**

June 18:

**Faith & Friends
10am in Murphys home
Contact Pam Kimes**

June 18:

**Cottage Circle
5:30pm at Soup Supper
Contact Faye Morrison**

June 26:

**Angels Angels
11am in Copperopolis
Contact Barb Olivier**

**SEEKERS in
SNEAKERS
Discover Jesus!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL
BE HELD THE WEEK OF JULY 15
- JULY 19 FROM 9AM TO 12PM.
WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL
PICNIC IN THE PARK THAT
FRIDAY. THIS IS A FREE
PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AGES 4
AND UP. YOU CAN SIGN UP BY
EMAILING
CHRISTIANED@FCCMURPH.ORG
OR BY CALLING (209)728-3141



**There will be no Family Program during the
summer. It will resume in September 2024.**



Rev. Dr. Liz Armstrong 2
Kim Plowman 3
Jim Reynolds 4
Martha See 8
Rich Gutierrez 9
Cynthia Restivo 10
Fred Bender 11
Vee Domazliky 12
April Friend 13
Melissa Horcasitas 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: “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:

Prayer List:

John & Marilyn Amormino (Barb Olivier)
Thomas Bouton (Emily Lawrence)
Marci Duggan
Theresa Fowler (June Perry)
Caity Johnson
Dodi Horvath
Tabitha Kremesec
Laura Miller (Noel Helmbrecht)
Teri Olivas
Daniel Smolich (Liz Tussey)
Shirley Soderer
Gail Williams
Rev. Marty 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2 10am Worship Holy Communion New Member Class & Luncheon</p>	<p>3 9:30am Ad Hoc naming mtg. EEC 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>4 5pm Worship mtg. ZOOM</p>	<p>5 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon <i>7pm Taizé</i></p>	<p>6 NCNC Annual Gathering June 6 - 8</p>	<p>7 12pm Women's AA</p>	<p>8 12pm Women's AA</p>
<p>9 10am worship 12:30pm Brown Bag Lunch, EEC</p>	<p>10 2pm Membership & Calling mtg., Fisk 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>11 10am Family Connections EEC 10am Faith & Friends Sm. Grp. 5:30pm Cottage Circle Sm. Grp.</p>	<p>12 1pm F&F mtg. ZOOM 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>13 WIC in Social Hall 9am - 4pm 5:30pm South Grove Bunch Sm. Grp.</p>	<p>14 10am The Wanderers Sm. Grp. in Murphys 12pm Women's AA</p>	<p>15 12pm Women's AA</p>
<p>16 10am worship 11am Council EEC</p>	<p>17 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>		<p>19 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>20 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>21 12pm Women's AA</p>	<p>22 12pm Women's AA</p>
<p>23 10am worship Annual Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>24 6:30pm Al-Anon Jenny valcation June 24 - 28</p>	<p>25 11am Angels Angels Sm. Grp. 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>26 11am Angels Angels Sm. Grp. 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>27 12pm Women's AA</p>	<p>28 12pm Women's AA</p>	<p>29 12pm Women's AA</p>
<p>30 10am Taizé</p>						

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.