



ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 40/50 SCHOOL ST., POINT ARENA, CA 95468

MAY JUNE 2011

UM 'Change the World Weekend'

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Thank You,
Ernest Bloch
Ringers -plus
Karl, Eric & Sita-
for a marvelous
Easter Music
Sunday morning
on May 1st!

*Farewell
Open House
(See page 6)*

Our May 27th
KID'S NIGHT OUT
celebrates
Cinco de Mayo
We learn, share &
grow in faith.
We begin as usual
with supper
together!

Friday: 5:30-7:15 p.m.
in Biaggi Hall

A DAY for PEACE Sunday May 15th

On our 'Change the World' Day event Sunday May 15 St. Paul's Community is host to an interfaith service of prayer, dance and music, followed by a shared meal together and the placement, blessing and dedication of the long - awaited peace pole near the front sidewalks here at St. Paul's Community United Methodist Church.

Fashioned by a collaboration of our St. Paul's 'brothers in Christ,' the pole will offer a peace prayer in six local native tongues.

In the days after, a teaching, a school visit, home & business blessings plus the sand mandala project at Gualala Arts Center will highlight the monks bi-annual Mendonoma coastal visit. with additional private healing times with the Gaden Shartse Tibetan monks. For lots more information about the tour, see www.gadenshartsecf.org and spcumc.org (also spcumcblogspot.com)



PENTECOST SUNDAY June 12th

In Scripture, we read that the early followers of the Risen Christ were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to go into the streets telling of Jesus to all those they met.

Following Peter's sermon, many were baptized; The church began to grow and because of all this, we call Pentecost, "the birth of the Christian church."

Will you help us with our June 12th celebration?

Speak to Liz or Pastor Tina

United Methodist General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) offers free webinar,

'Good-bye and Hello: When the Pastor Changes',
on Thursday, May 26 at 4:30 p.m. PDT.



The way a congregation handles the transition to a new pastor determines its future ministry. Congregational leaders in transitioning churches are encouraged to take part in this event – the cost of which is covered by your giving to World Service

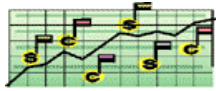


Pentecost Sunday



COME JOIN IN - 'A Farewell Party' for Pastor Tina & Bill
Sunday June 12th @ Trinity Hall (St. Aloysius Church)

Generosity Matters!



St. Paul's Monthly Financial Summary as of April 30, 2011

	This Year (2011)	Last Year (2010)
Money Received Year to Date	29,694	23,524
Budgeted Receipts Year to Date	26,080	26,490
Excess/(Deficit) Year to Date	3,614	(2,966)
Operational Expenses Year to Date	29,547	28,874
Budgeted Operational Expenses	29,654	27,644
Savings/(Over) Year to Date	107	(1,231)
Net at 4/30/11	3,834	(4,197)
Budgeted Loss for the Year	(17,528)	(4,645)

This month we see giving dropping back to its former levels. The cash balance is very low again at the end of the month, of April \$2,173. Please pray for faithfulness and right directions and bold steps, in faith.

Are we truly Easter people who believe in God's promises of new life and abundant life with hope? Then walk boldly into today and tomorrow with confidence! *He is Risen!*



In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring
that waits to be, unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Reflection . . .

The house is still and in the early morning stillness, time stops.

Dramas played out yesterday are like pictures hung upon the wall.

In the quiet I can ponder their meaning, their lesson, and their truth.



Think about the experiences and activities in your life that have been satisfying, whether in your work life or leisure.

Is there a connection between the those and your inner spirit?

Look back on the major changes in your life. What led you to step into that change? Do you see a connection between the changes and your spiritual growth?

As you re assess the crises that have been part of your life, what motivated you to keep going?

What is the spirit telling you in this time of transitions?



Headlines from UMCOR

UMCOR Reaches Out to Survivors of Spring Storms in South

The start of the 2011 spring storm season, an unprecedented number of severe storms, including tornadoes, hail and high winds, have raced across the United States, provoking widespread damage and flooding in the South and Central regions. The month of April alone saw more than 7,000 such storms, which produced hundreds of tornadoes. Rivers, including the Mississippi.

UMCOR is working with bishops and disaster-response teams to determine the next steps. To assist the affected communities UMCOR is now accepting donations & is forming Volunteers-In-Mission teams to respond soon.

Cal-Nev Team Heads to Japan

a three-member team from the California-Nevada Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will travel to Japan to assess needs in the wake of the early March earthquakes and tsunami.

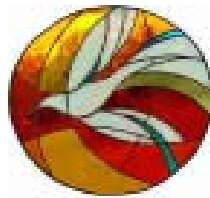
The Rev. Motoe Yamada, senior pastor of Japanese UMC in Sacramento and a World Council of Churches Central Committee member, will head the team. Accompanying her will be Phil Bandy, interim director of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) program for the Conference, and Norm Harden, Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. They will be joined in Japan by Roxanne Bucaria, a member of Florin UMC, who currently lives in Tokyo where she works as a translator.

"The group from California-Nevada travels to Japan to renew relationships with Church partners and establish new relationships in mission,"

Imagine No Malaria Video Debuts in Times Square

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Right now, in the heart of New York City, a message of need is being broadcast to the more than 1.5 million people who pass through Times Square every day. Imagine No Malaria, a ministry of The United Methodist Church, is airing a video message to underscore the urgent need to fight a disease which claims nearly a million lives each year.

Opportunities for Worship & Prayer in May & June



Sunday at 10:30 a.m.: Morning Worship

Watch for new opportunities for praise,
music and outreach this Summer.
Come be a part!

May Worship Leaders June Worship Leaders

May 1- Frances Buentjen	June 5- ?
May 8 - Liz Elstun	June 12 - George Cambell
May 15 - Ellen Buechner	June 19 - ?
May 22 - Mimi Dallas	June 26 - ?
May 29 - Liz Elstun	July 3 - ?

Hosts

Carol Hofer, Connie & Ted Matz, Mimi Dallas

Musicians

Ken Scofield, Ellen Buechner, Mary Lynn Preiss

Multi Media Techs

Jim Tackett & YOU ??

Thank you



We appreciate
your gift of music,
too, Huckleberry!

Thank you, Jeanne Jackson and the Ernest Bloch Bellringers, for your beautiful addition to our 'Easter Music Sunday' worship service.

The music, singing and fellowship were appreciated by all. For your part, including musicians Eric Kritz, Karl Young and Sita Milchev, Thank You!

God's praises and blessings filled us all. New faces were present and new friendships begun. The diverse and plentiful offerings by St. Paul's artists and crafty folks were evident in Biaggi Hall after the service as we had opportunities to greet one another and enjoy the beautiful Art Show displays and creations. **Gratitude abounds!**

For Daily Devotions on line

The Upper Room

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Nashville, TN 37203-0004

<http://www.upperroom.org>

MAY

5/1 Francie Scofield
5/5 McKena Kramer
5/14 Frank Terlouw
5/14 Ruth Baumgartner
5/14 Gordon Moores
5/15 Shirley Marks
5/15 Ryan Sundstrom
5/16 Win Sinclair
5/29 Shelly Aubrey
5/30 Ann Green

Birthdays



Anniversaries

5/6 Art & Sharon Raasch
5/26 Gordon & Sandy Moores



Pentecost: Be Open to the Spirit

What uplifting and diverseThe disciples had known Jesus as friend, prophet, and teacher— but they had not yet known him as "Christ." We now know "Christ" to be the personal experience we have of God. The Christ "event" happens each time God is personally known to us, and that is an event of the Spirit — an event confused for us if the Jesus of the flesh would be present.

We often become enamored of and dependent upon the Jesus we read about in the Bible to the point that the spirit of God cannot fall upon us.

God can't even work among us because we have an image from scripture about what that should mean, and that ancient image may be in opposition to what God wants from us now. I am thinking about slavery, and how difficult it was to end because the scriptures obviously support it.

Often the presence of the physical in words or deeds prevents the coming of the spirit in all its newness and transformation.

During his earthly mission, Jesus lived only in Palestine; now he lives everywhere. During his time on earth, Jesus ministered primarily to Jews; now he serves everyone. When he was here, Jesus could be seen only by those up close; now he is experienced by those far and wide.

Jesus had to leave in order for the Spirit to come to the people. May we be open to the leading of the spirit!

**'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World!'**

This phrase is at the heart of our CA/ Nevada
United Methodist Annual Conference's mission.

At the heart of our *particular* St. Paul's Community
UM Church emphasis is this statement of mission:

***'Building a Stronger
Community of Faith'***

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

'Our Pastor on the Move'



Our Pastor, Rev. Tina Ballagh, is moving to the eastern Sacramento area, in Rancho Cordova, to be in parish ministry there after serving us on the Mendonoma coast for 9 years! We invite and encourage you to save the date for a farewell gathering on Sunday June 12th as we celebrate our years together in a spirit of gratitude and joyful farewell.

It will be Pastor and Bill's last Sunday here with us before their move June 21st, following the week of Annual Conference work and worship in Sacramento at the Convention



"I will charge you with nothing but the promise that
you will help the next one you find in trouble.

~ A Mennonite proverb

Volunteer in Mission program

For information on how to join a UMVIM team or start one in your own church to help with earthquake, flood or tornado recovery projects in the U.S. and abroad - Contact : UMVIM Coordinator at (916)- 374-1582;

philg@calnevumc.org,

or

CA/Nevada UMVIM Administrative Assistant
Eddie Frutchey at (916) 374-1584; ef@calnevumc.org

Nothing But Nets Campaign

Malaria is both preventable and treatable. Insecticide-treated bed nets, anti-malarial medications and health education can effectively control its spread.

The United Methodist Church has made a commitment to work toward preventing the spread of malaria and other diseases of poverty by supporting the 'Nothing But Nets' Campaign and Community-based Malaria Program.

More information? Contact the CA/NV Conf. Communications Office at 916 374-1518.

Also, go to www.umc.org/nets. Remember, sharing the word about buying a net (\$10 a net) saves lives!



FOOD PANTRY: OUR GIFTS OF SHARED ABUNDANCE & HOPE

HERE I AM, LORD!

Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you need me;

I will hold your people in my heart.



During the winter and early Spring months our once brimming full pantry has become an oasis of hope and manna for some of our community members living from paycheck to almost paycheck and traveler's -on foot and on bicycle- enroute to 'somewhere else', yearning for "possibility".

Thanks to a '*Call to Respond*' the food replacements continue coming in as need arises. It becomes Hope for Others in a time of challenge and simpler living, especially for our community's young families living on minimum wages with rising gas prices, and many with no car at all, whose feet is their only means of travel and food gathering.

I continue to encourage us all to "*threaten the world with Christ's resurrection*". In the midst of the world's desperation, we must set God's table of grace with conviction and passion so that the physically, mentally and spiritually hungry of our world may know and experience the hope we know in Jesus Christ.

May God's peace (and hope) be known on earth and may it begin with you and me."



Conference Conversations
by Bishop Warner Brown

Some staff members were sitting around a table last week discussing conference program matters. Organically, the talk shifted and they began to pour out their hearts about the desire they have for a renewal of vitality within The United Methodist Church and this Conference.

One of them said, rather wistfully, that she wished there were a formula we could call upon, similar to what a fast-food chain famously advertised years ago. You remember: "two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese ...". They all laughed, and agreed that while it would be nice if vitality could be measured so simply, the fact is that it exhibits itself in different ways for different churches and communities. It isn't as simple as church size, style of worship, or even whether a congregation leans to the right or to the left.

Small, medium, or large churches can be vital, though not all are. Churches with traditional services can flourish, if that style reflects the community around them. There are examples of both liberal and conservative churches which are thriving.

On the heels of that discussion, one of our superintendents, Kristie Olah, made a thoughtful observation:

"Movements do not read like recipes: take two portions of Bible study and add in one reorganized church council and a teaspoon of young adult ministry," she wrote. "But, movements can be noticed in the things to which we pay attention, the efforts we make toward our goal, in the flow of things."

Noting that the word "movement" is defined as "a tendency or trend; an organized effort by supporters of a common goal," Rev. Olah went on to say:

"For the last few years, we United Methodists have been exploring ideas as we have tried to faithfully share an old, old story: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have read books together, started small groups, and invited ourselves deeper into discipleship and leadership ... learned the vocabulary of equipping ministry, leadership development, and permission giving. We have lifted up transformational ministry and covenant groups... created vision statements, mission plans, and welcoming centers.

While some might see a disjointed mash-up of events and programs and ideas, I see a movement: a flowing stream of effort by Jesus-freed followers. It looks like a movement of the Holy Spirit working in and through us to build up the kingdom of God,

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011

The time for Annual Conference 2011 draws near! This year we meet June 14-18 as the Conference practices a stewardship of diminishing resources.

Liz Elstun and Bill Ballagh will be representing you at this year's conference at the Sacramento Conference Center.

Each year our Conference offers all our local churches opportunities to be in mission.

Our annual request is for the following needs:

† Used cell phones

† Eye glasses

† Hearing aids



Thank you to everyone who has already begun bringing these items that will be shared with those who have no resources to obtain these blessings.

Please place the items you bring each week in the colorful basket provided in the back of the Sanctuary. We have already transported the first load on May 11th. Keep up the "Scavenger Hunt" for other useful phones, glasses and hearing aids.

YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Questions?? Liz Elstun, your lay delegate to Annual Conference is at 884-1436 Your last opportunity to respond is Sunday June 12

THANKS! ~ Liz Elstun

FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2011

At St. Aloysius' Trinity Hall

1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**FOR PASTOR TINA
AND BILL BALLAGH**

(MONEY TREE PRESENT FOR GIFTS AND CARDS)

**St. Paul's Community Methodist
Pastor has been transferred to
Rancho Cordova July 1st**

**COME WISH THEM WELL, SHARE
OUR LOVE & APPRECIATION. WE
WILL DEEPLY MISS THEM!**

More Thank You's !

Thank you Jim Tackett,
for your Church Council, teaching and planning
leadership and for creative worship!

Ken and Bill, Mary Lynn and Renata for musical
support creativity and enthusiasm;
**Lena for Easter Sunday leadership, and your
poignant and memorable Holy week and Easter
presentations of the Word** interpreted through
music and drama, **Mary Lynn!**

Thank you to each one who wrote, telephoned
and talked with others, that we might take a
step forward in our ability to undergird our work
in the community and beyond our coast, in the
name of Love.

Especially thank your to those who fashioned
our letter to the editor of the ICO. **Thank you to
each one** who responded with generosity and
sacrifice to keep us sustainable in this time
of ebb tide.

Thank you to the ongoing Labor of Love each
week by our St. Paul's treasurer, Laura Senteney,
our book keeper, Ellen Buechner, our Financial
Secretary and computer financial statistician,
Frances Buentjen. **We appreciate you!**

To the Blue Plate Special teams:
Especially, '*Thanks be to God*' for this
outreach & hospitality opportunity
to serve our friends and neighbors
from You, God

**Thank you Mimi Dallas, Lorilee Brown, Irene
Terlouw, Chris Majorana & Eunice Campbell**
for your leadership, planning and experience
caring and working with youth & children.

To the Church Council, Trustees & Staff/Parish
for
thoughtful, prayerful considerations, for
discernment and courage along the way to
anew journey in faith and love.

Thank You Millie Davis, Betty Frame and others
for
Hospitality: fresh communion bread and
fellowship table refreshments
week by week.

Do You Know Your Hymns?

**Thank you, Sita Milchev for this whimsical
look at our songs & hymns**

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers
of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....The Church is One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn..Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn..... I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion,
Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn.....He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician

- AND for those who speed on the highway -
a few hymns:

55 mphGod Will Take Care of You
75 mphNearer My God To Thee
85 mphThis World Is Not My Home
95 mphLord, I'm Coming Home
100 mphPrecious Memories

**Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folks.**

COFFEE and the ENVIRONMENT

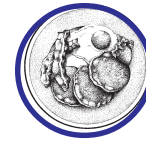


What is Fair Traded Coffee?

The *Fair Trade Coffee Label* means that importers pay farmers in Asia, Africa, Central and South America, a guaranteed fair price per pound for their coffee harvest. They offer farmers affordable credit and work democratically with organized cooperatives.



Purchasing *Fair Trade coffee* allows us to help growers provide health care and education for their children and improve their work and community environment. It is hope for their future. *Not charity, it is justice!*



BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

Home-cooked Breakfast!

Saturday, MAY 28th

8 - 11 a.m.

and

Saturday, JUNE 25th

Come be a partner;
Greet & serve our neighbors!!



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new opportunities to experience God
and extend a hand in Love and in
Friendship ...

At St. Paul's there's a place for you:
to learn, to serve, to welcome, know
and share with others. [Read inside...](#)



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