



Foothills Family Times

Foothills United Methodist Church

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H O L Y · W E E K



Thursday, April 5, 6:30 pm

We will relive the Last Supper, remembering elements of the Seder meal of which Jesus partook, listening again to words he gave his disciples, and concluding with embrace of Jesus' consecration of the common bread and cup. You are welcome to bring contributions to the shared meal, contact Tonja McCarthy at 530-676-7822 for more particulars. Childcare available.



Friday, April 6

Noon—Ecumenical Service, Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Join several churches from the area for an ecumenical Good Friday Service. Everyone is

welcome as we remember the passion of Jesus Christ and the meaning of his death for our lives and world. Childcare available.

7 pm—Tenebrae "Service of Lights"

We will relive Jesus' trial and crucifixion as the dimming lights illustrate our plunge into the darkness of estrangement from what is good and right. It prepares us for the real power of Easter for our lives. The service features music from the choir.



Sunday, April 16

7 am—Sunrise Service

Held at the outdoor Memorial Circle, this is a unique experience of worry and joy, reliving the surprise and fear of the women who met Jesus at the tomb, the astonishment of the disciples, and the thrill Jesus' resurrection produced. We will sing with hearts full of joy.

8 am—Easter Potluck Breakfast

Bring a dish or pastry to share and enjoy both the fellowship and the beauty of this day with your church family.

10 am—Family Easter Sunday "Explosion"

A joyous family celebration of Jesus' resurrection with glorious music and a colorful display of flowers and art. The power of the good news invites our hearts to "explode" with hope and peace.

11 am—Children's Easter Egg Hunt



It's Time for the...

2007 Youth Play "A Pirate's Strife"



Friday, April 20, 7 pm

Saturday, April 21, 7 pm

Sunday, April 22, 5 pm

Spring! What a wonderful time of year. The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and the days are getting longer and longer. In our never-ending quest to help make your days as long as possible, once again the Foothills Youth are proud to present the 14th annual Youth Play, "A Pirate's Strife." How does that make your days longer? If you must ask that question, you haven't seen one before. But this year, we can take care of that. Not only can you expect the same fun and excitement out of the cast as ever, but we have gone ahead and made sure to move it back to the weekend just after your taxes are due, April 20, 21 and 22! Why not pile on the misery, eh?

This year, 35 talented youth from the Senior and Junior High Youth here at Foothills United Methodist will be presenting "A Pirate's Strife" for your enjoyment for three days over this post-IRS celebratory week. This year's show promises to be another entertaining feat, as you sit in the audience and wonder just who came up

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It's Bunco Time!

Saturday, April 14, 6:30 pm

A Sierra Service Fundraiser

Let's help send our Sierra Service Project youth to Oregon this summer. The youth will spend a week working on an Indian Reservation making repairs to homes. This has been a life changing experience for many of our youths in the past and it is sure to make a lasting impression on the youth going this year.


To raise funds, we've decided to have a Bunco/Dessert night. Come join us for Bunco and enjoy a fabulous dessert bar. We've got prizes and promise lots of fun. Plan to attend even if you do not know how to play. It's the easiest game in town. Cost to play is \$15 per person or a table of 4 for \$50. All monies will go directly to our Sierra Service youth. Invite your friends, everyone is welcome!

In order to make this a success we will need donations of desserts, and the use of card tables. Please contact Tonja McCarthy if you can provide these items at 530-676-7822.

Men's Ministries

The Men's Group would like to thank everyone who attended the night at Guido's Hawaiian-Italian Dinner. We had a great time, ate an unusual combination of food, enjoy a great variety show and raised over \$2,600 for the church's general fund.

The Men's Group April meeting will be **Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm**. There is a rumor that the semi-famous Back 50 Rescue barbeque will be creating a wonderful meal. Our presentation will be by Bob Brown, Chief Investigator for the Sheriff's Department. Please join us.



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Special event for the
children of Foothills UMC



Kids Picture Day

Sunday, April 15, assemble at 9:45 am

- ◆ Special group photo for the cover of the May newsletter
- ◆ Mom/Dad/Grand-and-child photos for later presentation
- ◆ Updated kid photos for the walls of the nursery and classrooms

We would like to make some special presentations this year on Mother's Day and Father's Day, starting with the cover of the May newsletter. It involves taking photos of you and your child(ren), and April 15 is the day!

Please arrive by 9:45 so that we can rehearse the arrangement of the group photo, lining up children on the steps of the chancel and putting named place-markers on the floor. We will then ask them to quickly assemble during the Children's Special Time, and take the group photo with the whole congregation smiling.

During Sunday School, photos of the children will be taken so that we can update what we display on the walls of our nursery and classrooms. After worship, we'd like you to quickly pose with your child/each of your children, so that they can use these photos for a special gift later.

In keeping with the focus on children that day, the sermon will be on "What's a Parent To Do?" based on the ups and downs of the family life of King David in the Old Testament. It also opens the door to the family-life humor of the youth play, "A Pirate's Strife," which is being performed the following weekend.

We look forward to all the smiling faces on April 15!

-Pastor Dave and Children's Ministry



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New
Contemporary
Worship

Committee Forming

Sunday, April 15, 4 pm, Room 4

Youth and adults interested in helping design an alternative/contemporary worship service are invited to a meeting on Sunday, April 15, at 4 pm in room 4.

Seven people attended our first meeting in early March, and agreed to "research" other churches in our area which offer contemporary worship services. We will be discussing various worship styles, who our target congregation will be, and our mission/purpose. We will also continue our discussion on the pros and cons of various worship times for a second service at FUMC.

You are welcome to contact Janet Bunje at jbunje@pacbell.net or 530-676-7008 if you have questions or comments

Buy Scrip-Support our Youth

2007 Scrip Profit: February: \$48.00
Year to date: \$78.00

Available Scrip: Round Table Pizza
Papa Murphy's

It is gift certificates in \$10 denominations. Please see Susan Wolf after church or call 530-672-0742.

Your Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Dave Bunje
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It's Coming!!!

Our annual Family Fiesta!

Cinco De Mayo, Saturday, May 5

This year, the challenge of the guitars!

We know you guitar players are out there, we've heard you! So contact Jeanne Pfeifer or Emily Harris if you would like to play your guitar AND participate in a challenge of guitars! Feel free to sign-up your fellow guitar players.

Start strumming those strings!



Adult Education

Every Sunday, 9 am, Room 8

We have 6 to 10 people each Sunday morning. Each Sunday morning someone is traveling someplace thus this is the reason for the variance. The group varies from those who have just started to read a Bible to those who have experience and "know" the Bible. However, each Sunday morning we all learn something that the person who "knows" the Bible had never heard and the new Bible reader is enlightened. I can guarantee you will get a new understanding of your Bible. When you are not there, we have a study guide for each class so you don't miss a thing. Our coffee pot only holds 12 cups of coffee, so we have place for two more coffee drinkers and an unlimited number of non-coffee drinkers.

April 1—Thomas Harris will be talking about 1st Timothy. Ron is going to his High School reunion of his Chateauroux HS in France. It will be in Texas.

April 8—Ron will be talking about 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. Who were they?

April 15—The Colossians will be talked about. Who were they?

April 22—Who or what were the Philipians? Let's find out.

April 29—The Ephesians. Does that have anything to do with anesthesia? NO, they lived in Ephesus.

Come and enjoy our fun and learning.

Ron Sachs

From Your Finance and Stewardship Committee

Feeling Good and Giving

Just prior to writing this newsletter, I was gathering tax information for an appointment three days away. Since taxes are on my mind, I thought that all of our members and friends should be aware of new tax laws concerning the recordkeeping of donations for this and coming years. The bottom line is that the IRS is looking for a good paper trail. Fortunately, those who use the pledge envelopes or write checks receive quarterly statements and a year end statement which makes reporting your deductions easy. Please see the appropriate IRS publications or go to IRS.gov for your particular situation.

Last month I informed our readers about how UMCOR does such great work world wide, and does it through your donations. Our apportionments also help to start new churches by providing funds and clergy support. In addition, educational opportunities and missions throughout the world are funded by our all important apportionments. Without that support many poor nations would not receive the word of God that so many here in this nation take for granted. This is one of the many ways we Methodists are connected to other nations in the world. Giving grace and inspiring hope can bring a better understanding of all God's children and reduce the hate, fear and misunderstandings that are so prevalent in our world.

Besides pledging and supporting Foothills United Methodist Church, we have many other opportunities in which to give. Our outreach programs have literally changed many people's lives here locally, in Mississippi and in Mexico. Tax time is a good time to reflect on what is important and plan out our gifts for the remainder of the year. Feeling good and giving, a sound formula for life.

Thank you for your support.

Bob Schlegel, Finance Chair

2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

	OPERATIONS	OPERATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS PAID
January	\$19,475.42	\$31,923.86
February	<u>\$23,485.23</u>	<u>\$20,422.54</u>
Total	\$42,960.65	\$52,346.40
Average	\$21,480.33	\$26,173.20

MINISTRIES OF FUMC YEAR-TO-DATE

43.55%	Salaries
9.59%	Materials and Supplies
27.63%	Building, Loan and Utilities
<u>19.23%</u>	Apportionments-Global UMC
100%	

	DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	DESIGNATED PAID
January	\$3,864.17	\$1,901.70
February	<u>\$1,851.73</u>	<u>\$16,759.20</u>
Total	\$5,715.90	\$18,660.90

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April Worship Themes



April 1—Palm Sunday,
Communion

Sermon title: *Open yourself to God*

Scripture: Luke 22:14-23, 47-53

Preaching: Pastor Dave Bunje

Theme: Ultimately, the most redemptive habit we can make is to “Let go; Let God.” How else could Jesus know that he would be betrayed, and still give thanks? It takes repeated renewal, but it does lead to ecstasy.



April 8 Easter Sunday

7 am Sunrise Service

Meet at the Memorial Circle

8 am Easter Potluck Breakfast

10 am Easter Explosion

Sermon title: *Our Go-Ahead God*

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8+

Preaching: Pastor Dave Bunje

Theme: God goes ahead of us—even to the point of death—to roll away those stones that are blocking us from life. And because God does that, he is able to get behind us and say “Go ahead! You can do it!” And your future looks like Easter.

April 15

Sermon title: *What's a Parent To Do?*

Scripture: 2 Samuel 13:1-2a, 18b-19, 28, and 14:23-25, and 15:1-2a, 4, 6, 12b-14, 25-26, and 17:1-4, and 18:1, 5, 9, 33.

Preaching: Pastor Dave Bunje

Theme: Just like the youth play being performed next week, families sometimes just don't seem to work well. Heck, it's true in the Bible, too! So how can we make the best of what we've got?

April 22

Sermon title: *Finding the Hidden Treasure*

Scripture: 2 Samuel 16:5-8, 11-13 and 19:18b-23

Preaching: Pastor Dave Bunje

Theme: When we spend out lives looking for the hidden treasure, what we're really looking for is happiness, and ease and the end of worries. The treasure, we finally discover, is not a big pile of goods, but usefulness, companionship and forgiveness.

April 29

Sermon title: *The First Rule of Caring*

Scripture: John 21: 15-19

Preaching: Pastor Dave Bunje

Theme: At the end of the Gospel of John, Jesus' instructions to Peter were to “tend my sheep.” The church has been privileged to carry that mission ever since, building on the word He has given to each of us.

Coming Fully Alive: Aging as a Spiritual Journey

Saturday, April 14, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Join the Federated Church for a day of exploring the positives of aging and how you can have a healthier, happier life in the aging process. Topics to be explored:

- ♦ **Finding Meaning in Life:** Finding purpose; living life to the fullest; being versus doing; positive aspects of aging; becoming a “sage.”
- ♦ **Being Fully Alive (Mind, Body, Spirit):** Brain fitness and brain gym; care of the body and coping with physical limitations; passion for life; meditation and prayer.
- ♦ **Aging as a Spiritual Journey:** Finding hope; letting go of expectations; making sense of suffering; forgiveness and healing.
- ♦ **Uplifting Power of Humor:** Uplifting the spirit and use of humor; enjoying the present moment; looking at the positives in our lives.

Facilitator: Judith Pruess-Mello, Ph.D., M. Div.

Location: Federated Church, Placerville

Cost: \$10 (bring lunch, beverages and refreshments provided)

For more information or to make reservations, see our church office for a flier or contact Federated Church at 530-622-0273.

Sunday School News

What fun we have had in Children's Sunday School learning through the art of Parables, the stories Jesus told to the people living everyday lives. We have learned the importance of sacrifice, faith, abundant love...and much more in the telling of everyday activities like the sowing of grain, the rising of bread, the catching of fish, or the dipping for water from a well. Come visit the classrooms and have the children tell you one of these stories and see how much you can learn.

Junior High Sunday School has been busy too learning of humility, faith, and the concept of being different as a blessing. We have also been focusing on the basics of Christian learning like the Ten Commandments, The Apostles Creed, and

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Lay Speaking Class: The Bible

Saturday, May 5, 9 am - 5 pm

An all day study on how our Bible became what it is today.

- ♦ What did the writers of the Bible use when they quoted scripture before our Bible was assembled?
- ♦ You will see pages from the oldest complete Bible written in 350 CE.
- ♦ You will translate from 1st and 2nd century Greek manuscripts.
- ♦ You will read from the Geneva Bible, the Bible that the Pilgrims brought to America. And the Bible that King James hated so much that he had his own version printed.
- ♦ You will read from the 1611 edition of the King James version of the Bible.

For those who need to receive Lay Speaking credit and need the course book the registration is \$25. Scholarships are available for \$10 for those who do not need the course book. All will go home with pictures of manuscripts. Lunch will be provided. The first 12 people who register will be accepted.

Bunje Chords

Strength When All Seems Discouraging

By Pastor Dave Bunje

I don't know whether this is just a difficult time, or life is just that way, but it sure seems that in our church family there has been a run of persons having surgery, enduring illness, caring for suffering family members, and coping with the death of loved ones. Even for persons of faith, all that news can get you down.

Jesus knew that kind of discouragement; that is the sadness in His passion. But he also had the ability to hang in there, in fact, he was able to change the environment in which he dwelt. The difference Jesus-strength can make is illustrated in a lovely little story I received, which I'd like to share with you here:

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see."

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

May the gift of Jesus dying for you give you the spiritual chemistry to change the water in which you're boiling. This is the resurrection that Easter brings.

With love, **Dave**

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knowing the four Gospels; what is important in life for existence versus peer pressure and comfort. Come visit our room and see and hear some insightful ideas about real life taken out of biblical time into now.

REMINDER: Teachers and Co-Teachers Quarterly meeting on **Sunday, April 22, 8:15 am**, with breakfast, to review this quarter and more importantly to discuss Summer Sunday School options. Please attend as your opinions and insight are helpful.

We hope you all enjoyed your Lenten Resurrection Story Egg Carton gifts. It was a joy to see so many understand, and be given insight into, more of the whole picture of Jesus' death and risen life.

Hilary Stankiewicz, Children's Ed Leader

The Endowment Committee

Endowment Fund: What is it? Why do we have it? What good is it? Is the 'Tree of Life' and the Endowment fund the same thing? These are some of the questions that I been hearing lately. So, I'll try to answer these questions as best I know.

What is it? From the United Methodist Foundation it is stated that the Endowment Fund provides income in perpetuity for the mission and ministries of our church. The principal in this fund is never spent, only the interest, dividends and profits are used.

Why do we have it? Back in year 2000 some of our church members started talking about setting up an Endowment Fund for our church. Alice and Reed Blakemore on June 30, 2001 donated the 'Tree of Life' tree; in honor of their 50th anniversary, to the church to create a way the congregation can give to the fund.

What good is it? After a minimum fund balance has been reached the available fund can provide financing for occasional special needs not covered by the annual church budget. The minimum balance target was \$100,000; currently the fund has only \$30,000 or about \$70,000 short of our minimum goal.

Is the 'Tree of Life' and the Endowment fund the same thing? No! The 'Tree Life' is just one of many ways that church members and friends can contribute to the Endowment Fund. If a person made a gift of more than \$300, than that person is rewarded with a leaf. Ways to donate to the Endowment Fund are by giving one-time annual gifts, proceeds from wills, trusts or insurance policies.

Please prayerfully consider opportunities to give to our Endowment Fund as a permanent memorial or investment in the future life of our church.

Roy Tougaw

Endowment Chairperson

Donations welcome for 100% juice (Apple is best) and healthy snacks for our Sunday School children to keep them thinking well for learning of our Lord's life.



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Please Note: All meetings are held in the Church unless stated otherwise.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service/Sun. School 11:30 am First Sunday Potluck 4:00 pm Youth Play Practice	2 Noon Women's Time: Round Table near CP Safeway 7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations	3 8:00 am Doorkeepers 7:00 pm Board of Trustees	4	5 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	6 Noon Good Friday Service @ Holy Trinity 6:00 pm Grace Place @ Camino 7:00 pm Good Friday Svc	7 7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ 3 Bros-Coach Lane
8  7:00 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Easter Potluck Breakfast 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service/Sun. School 11:00 am Children's Egg Hunt	9 Noon Women's Time: Round Table near CP Safeway NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 pm Youth Play Practice 7:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm UMW Bunco @ Rita's	10 8:00 am Doorkeepers 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	11	12 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6:00 pm Youth Play Practice	14 7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ 3 Bros-Coach Lane 6:30 pm Bunco—Sierra Service Project Fund-raiser
15 Kid's Picture Day 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service/Sun. School 11:30 am Children's Story Time Noon Youth Play Stage Setup 3:00 pm Youth Play Practice 4:00 pm Contemporary Worship Team 7:00 pm UMW General Meeting	16 Noon Women's Time: Round Table near CP Safeway 7:00 pm Administrative Bd	17 8:00 am Doorkeepers 6:00 pm Youth Play Practice 6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm UMW Book Club @ Emily Harris'	18	19 6:00 pm Youth Play Practice	20 7:00 pm Youth Play	21 7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ 3 Bros-Coach Lane 7:00 pm Youth Play
22 Come Worship 8:15 am Sunday School Teacher Meeting 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service/Sun. School 11:30 am Children's Story Time 11:30 am Outreach Committee 5:00 pm Youth Play	23 Noon Women's Time: Round Table near CP Safeway 7:00 pm Worship Committee	24 8:00 am Doorkeepers 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Youth Play Cleanup	25	26 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 6:00 pm Grace Place Volunteering - Camino 7:00 pm Ladies Night Out	28 7:00 am Men's Breakfast @ 3 Bros-Coach Lane
29 Share Your Faith 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service/Sun. School 11:30 am Children's Story Time	30 Noon Women's Time: Round Table near CP Safeway					

Press Release—February 27, 2007

Local hero serves in AmeriCorps*NCCC

DENVER Cassandra Lawrence, originally from Shingle Springs, CA, deployed on Monday, February 26 for her first service project of the year with the National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program. Founded in 1994, AmeriCorps*NCCC is a residential national service program created to improve the environment, enhance education, increase public safety, address unmet human needs, and assist with disaster relief.

Lawrence is serving as one of 34 Team Leaders at the Central Region campus in Denver, Colo. The other NCCC campuses are located in Perry Point, Md., Charleston, S.C., and Sacramento, Calif.

As a Team Leader, Lawrence will be responsible for managing the daily activities of 10-12 Corps Members, and encouraging high standards for their community-based service learning projects. Lawrence will serve as a role model, educator, safety manager, and liaison between the campus and project sponsor.

Thirty teams composed of 288 Corps Members and Team Leaders will begin service projects this week. While most teams are traveling to the Gulf Coast to assist with continuing recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, one team will work at an underserved middle school in Denver, and two teams will work in Missouri assisting with ongoing ice storm recovery.

Team Leaders arrived on campus on January 3 to begin their training, which emphasized teamwork, leadership development, communication, service learning, and certification by the American Red Cross. They have been assisting with Corps Member training since January 30.

Prior to joining the NCCC, Lawrence attended Oak Ridge High School and the University of British Columbia. Lawrence said, "We are all interconnected and if I want our communities to be safer, happier places, I have to be willing to give my time and energy to make it happen." Sharon Lawrence is Cassandra's mother.

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Women of the Church

The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

General Meeting: April 15, 7 pm

Like Living Stones: Celebrating Nine Ways We Change the World, lead by our own Betsy Scwarztraub. Refreshments served. Also, we will be distributing information and registration for our October 12-14 Retreat with Pastor Debra Brady as our leader. We will have a drawing for drawing for partial registration (\$70)—winner must be present.

Celebration of Peace through Prayer

Thank you to all who helped to make our March meeting: Celebration of Peace through Prayer: The Things That Make for Peace. The peace pole is placed near the front door of the church with "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in 12 languages—with a Peace Rose planted nearby.

It was wonderful to have Pastor Carol with us as well as some of last year's confirmation class members. Pastor Carol and the confirmation class were inspired by the two Peace Poles they had seen on their field trip to the Bay area. We also presented a desk Peace Pole to Pastor Carol with eight languages. We had a drawing for another desk peace pole and also distributed pencils with a peace inscription. Additionally we were privileged by watching "Here I Am Lord" about United Methodist's global projects. A free will offering allowed us to make a contribution for global missions retirement benefits fund for a District/National UMW program "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial."

Care Packages

At the first of May, we will be sending "care" packages out to young adults who are transitioning from their homes to new challenges of college, vocational school or work. The care packages are not only a treat for these young adults but also a message to let them know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of their church family.

Please submit names and addresses of young adults by May 6th to the church office or to the UMW mailbox outside the office door. If you would like to donate cookies, small snack packages or money, please see any UMW officer.

Graduate Recognition: Sunday, May 13

Do you have a family member who is graduating from high school, vocational program, college or graduate school? Please submit the person's name, graduation information (school, program) and 4 to 6 pictures from various ages and activities for display in the church building. Please put names on the back of pictures so they can be returned to you. Please submit information and pictures by May 6 to the church office or UMW mailbox outside the office door. See Alice Blakemore or Jeanne Pfeifer (916-933-7722) if you have questions.

Schools of Christian Mission:

Every year UMW chooses three topics related to the mission of UMW to study, to bring a deeper understanding of purposes of UMW. The topics for this year are: Mission and Music, Globalization and Its Impact on People's Lives and Israel and Palestine. Would you be interested in learning more about any of these topics? There are several opportunities to attend study sessions in late summer and early fall (in Reno or Santa Nella). Our unit would pay for scholarship for new people to attend these mission events. If you are interested in these topics, please talk to Jeanne Pfeifer.

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Youth Play

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with the length of an hour, why the rocks in the sanctuary were placed in that particular way, and just how did they get all that texturing on the ceiling, anyway?

If you have never had the chance to attend one of our annual youth play performances, let us tell you that you have now officially run out of excuses. C'mon. Nobody is out of town in April...! Each show is filled with more than two hours of music, comedy, surprises, amazing feats, and that's just from the people in the audience. Wait until you see what the talented cast of performers can do! Written specifically for the cast of the Foothills Youth by Greg and Annie Lamy, "A Pirate's Strife" is guaranteed to delight and entertain you, especially when it's all wrapped up and you realize it will be another year before you will be subjected to anything like this again.

Every year the Foothill's Youth Play is the primary fundraiser for the combined Foothill's Youth Groups. It's an awesome thing to watch 35 kids between the ages of 11 and 19 get together to do something constructive, rewarding, and not headlining the 6 o'clock news.

In this year's story, we follow the adventures of two battling kingdoms who decide to put aside their differences when the Prince from one plans to wed the Princess from the other. However, wedding (and other) plans go awry when a treasure map from a famous historical pirate turns up and sends the characters off into a series of adventures that ends up leading them deep into the heart of (don't be scared... yet...) *The Death Swamp!!* (dun dun dunnn...) The adventures that ensue will make for over two hours of fun and laughs for the entire family.

This year marks the fourteenth time the Senior and Junior High Youth have put together a full-fledged musical comedy, and with "A Pirate's Strife" you will get the chance to see 35 kids participating on-stage. Most of the time, not all at once. Whew!

You can be a part of this amazing event by coming to one of the performances. These performances will start at 7 pm on both Friday and Saturday night, and on Sunday we will be starting at 5 pm. This early performance on Sunday will not only allow younger children to come and watch without being out too late, but can give you two extra hours of recovery time.

Never fear—ticket prices for the performances remain the same as past years, at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (12 and under) and Senior Citizens. The level of humor hasn't gone up much, either, so you are going to have a great time! Tickets will be available at the church office starting on March 31, or from any cast member. We look forward to seeing you there!

United Methodist Women

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Heifer Project:

Have you picked up an ark to fill with your change? Please mark your bank with a large W when you bring it to church in April. (Or if you fill one ark, ask for another one!) We have decided to try to "buy" a heifer and can use all of the support possible.

Book Group—Tuesday April 17, 7 pm

Check the UMW bulletin board (near the kitchen) for current book selections. Call Janet Bunje if you would like to know more about the book group, book selection or directions to the meeting. (530) 676-9008.

Fun and Fellowship Opportunities:

Bunco: April 9 at Rita Heikura's

Ladies Night Out: April 27, 7 pm at the church. Do you like to learn new games? Laugh? Nibble on goodies? Come to Ladies Night Out and meet new and old friends. See Rita Heikura for suggestions or more information.

Alleluia!



Happy Birthday!

John Weller	04/02	Tom Douglas	04/15
Malcolm Cooksy	04/02	Martin Winston	04/15
Don Perry	04/05	Connie Macek	04/16
Steve Overcashier	04/05	Cindy Pope	04/17
Dorothy Beyer	04/07	Jody Allen	04/18
Melanie Overcashier	04/07	Fran Wright	04/22
		Michelle Golden	04/23
Judy Patterson	04/07	Bart Forpahl	04/24
Aaron Dinwiddie	04/09	Darlene Savage	04/26
Bobbi Hunner	04/10	Hailey Harris	04/28
Robin Clark	04/13	Olivia Battaglia	04/30

Happy Anniversary!

Vickie & Robert Auburn	04/11
Hilary & Kevin Stankiewicz	04/12
Mary & Jim Aldreink	04/22
Patty & Tom Snyder	04/24
Menette & Patrick Darling	04/25

Please call the Church office with your birthday and anniversary.

AmeriCorps*NCCC

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AmeriCorps*NCCC Members, all 18-24 years old, must complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the 10-month program. In exchange for their service, they receive \$4,725 to help pay for college. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, team building skills, and the knowledge that, through active citizenship, they can indeed a difference. AmeriCorps*NCCC is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more information about AmeriCorps*NCCC, visit www.americorps.gov/nccc.



May 5—Family Fiesta

May 5—Advanced Lay Speaking Class

May 13—Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 3—Blood Drive: contact Gary Cramer at 530-676-1520