

PASTOR'S PAGE

Lent is a season that I have always had mixed feelings about. It's a time of year that signals to me that I need to "beef up" my spiritual practices. I have to say that even as a pastor the need for spiritual practice is a must. Not because it makes you holier than the next person in the church or because as a pastor you are a "resident theologian" but because it's always a good and joyful thing to draw closer to God.

Take-On Vs Give-Up. We are used to the idea that we must "give up" something for Lent, usually something that we consider an indulgence like: chocolate, soda, video games and so forth. Then, when we back slide by giving into the need for chocolate, or that which we are trying to give up, we feel a sense of failure and shame, like we have let God down.

Lent is not meant for shaming and tearing yourself down. It is meant to build up the connection between you and God. The act of giving up something is letting something go so God can fill up that open space. I believe you can have God fill up a space in your life, by taking on something rather than giving up something. So the idea of taking on something is like telling yourself; I want to get better at playing piano or improve my baking. "Practice makes perfect," the old saying goes. So, instead of giving up, you take on the practice so you can get better at it.

For example, take on reading the Bible. Start with two chapters of any Gospel per day. After 40 days you will have finished a gospel or book of the Bible. Small steps to big goals. Pray 10 minutes a day, over 40 days, it is time well spent with God.

Jesus was tempted for 40 days and 40 nights, Matthew 4:1-11 reminds us that Jesus walked in our shoes. Jesus knows how we feel. As the Apostle Paul said to the Philippians (Philippians 4:13), *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Paul is also saying that to you and I. Christ is our life coach urging us to move forward in our challenges and for us to remember we don't run the race of life alone – Jesus Christ goes with us step by step.

This Lenten season, have no fears or apprehensions. Take on a new or old spiritual practice, and build on it for 40 days. See where God takes you. See what the Holy Spirit will reveal for you. We can only make discoveries if you are willing to begin the search and adventure.

May your Lenten season be fulfilling and joyful!

A stylized, cursive signature of the word "Glen" in black ink.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Berdina Anderson
Hal Burk
Fred & Louise
Curran
Mike Delaney
Thelma Haase

John Williams
Bev Lock
Alma Madsen
Noni Miller
Rosalie Pitt
Nick Rodriguez

Aiko Ryan
Kay Smith
Loise Sullivan
Rev. Roy Erford

Please include in your prayers those with special needs, those receiving medical care, the home-bound, caregivers, service men and women, our CA/NV Conference, and the churches of the Great Northern District.

(If you would like your name added for special prayers, please let us know at the office or contact the pastor.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU'S

THANK YOU

"Thanks to Congregation. Our family sincerely appreciates prayers and concerns for healing of Great-Grandson, Maverick James Harris, born February 19, 2018, 5 weeks premature, with lung issues. Parents are Tom & Amy Harris of Yuba City, and siblings Max, Macy & Madalyn. Maverick is home after 2-week stay at UC Davis NICU and doing well."

~ Helen Bartlett

THANK YOU

"Thank you for the Birthday card and gift card to Kohl's! I was blessed by all your warm happy wishes for my Birthday!"

~Terry Raley

OUTREACH WINDOW

Donations of fresh fruit or fruit cups to include in the lunch bags would be appreciated. The Month of January the window gave out 207 sack lunches, referred 38 people to C.A.N., and gave out 11 hygiene bags. Thank you to all those that have donated.



JOHN IN EXILE

Join us for a Potluck Dinner and Movie Night on March 4th. We will be viewing John in Exile. "One of Jesus disciples, John has been punished in exile to the island of Patmos. He is all alone and has time to reflect and tell us about his life, faith and troubles. This is a one-man play developed by Dean Jones. He traveled performing it until he put it to video. The potluck will start at 4:00 pm in Pioneer Hall with the movie will follow.



UMW READING PROGRAM

Lend a Hand: *Original Poems about Giving are examples of simple acts of kindness that are first steps to changing the world. This collection of tender poems will empower and help you feel inspired to lend a hand to others and practice kindness and giving every day. This book is a meaningful quick read by John Frank and illustrations by London Ladd for both young and old who take time to lend a hand.*

Please consider writing a book synopsis for UMW Reading Program. There are many wonderful inspiring books to choose from. *Love and Blessings, Marcia L. Davis*



UMCOR SUNDAY

We cannot all be present when disaster strikes. However, on March 11, we will equip others to go.

We are excited that our congregation will join thousands of others across the United States by participating in a United Methodist church wide special Sunday with offering.

Together, we will help fund the critical disaster-relief efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

NEW MEMBERS COLUMN

Each month we will highlight new members who joined our church in December.

This month the spotlights is on:

Warner & Benjamin Pask

Warner Pask is 14 years old. He is the middle son of Robin & Jeff Pask. He was baptized in our church when he was four years old. He is part of C.O.R.E. education for homeschooling and extracurricular activities. His interests include video games, art, reading and bowling.

Benjamin Pask is 11 years old. He is the youngest son of Robin & Jeff. He was baptized as a baby in our church. He is in 6th grade with Camptonville C.O.R.E. Charter School for homeschooling and activities. He is involved in Trail Life where he attends weekly meetings and camping outings. His hobbies include art, writing, reading and conversations.



DATES AND EVENTS

Thursday, March 1	11 am – Prayer Circle
Friday, March 2	5 pm – Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
Saturday, March 3	9 am - Bok Kai Parade
Sunday, March 4	4 pm – Potluck & Movie Night
Monday, March 5	10 am – UMW Executive Meeting
Wednesday, March 7	2 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study
	5:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
Thursday, March 8	11 am – Prayer Circle
	11 am – Life Touch Photography
Saturday, March 10	7:45 am – Men’s Breakfast
Tuesday, March 13	5:30 pm – SPPRC Meeting
Wednesday, March 14	12 pm – Miriam Circle & Lunch
	2 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study
	3:30 pm – Worship Meeting
	4 pm – Outreach Meeting
Thursday, March 15	10 am – Bazaar Buddies
	11 am – Prayer Circle
	<i>CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE</i>
Saturday, March 17	5 pm – Pinochle Party
Tuesday, March 20	6 pm – Finance Meeting
Wednesday, March 21	2 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study ends
Thursday, March 22	11 am – Prayer Circle
Saturday, March 24	8 am – Church Yard Clean-Up
Tuesday, March 27	6 pm – Administrative Council
Thursday, March 29	11 am – Prayer Circle
Friday, March 30	12 pm – Good Friday Service



3/2	Shirley Anderson	3/14	Kaitlyn Jerrett
3/2	Carol Aldrich	3/14	Robin Teves
3/4	Betty Bradbury	3/15	Elizabeth Ralph
3/4	Frances Montgomery	3/17	Neishia Anthony
3/5	Carol Schellenger	3/18	Berdina Anderson
3/6	Wanda Rocha	3/20	Jim Diego
3/7	Scott Teves	3/20	Winona Miller
3/11	Pat Sweezy	3/22	David Teves
3/12	Willie Kardatzke	3/23	Valli Elliott
3/13	Anthony Pollizzi Sr	3/27	Kayli Carroll
3/14	Claudia Bradford	3/28	Cathy Wallach

Happy Anniversary

3/3 Lane & Chin Noyes
3/11 Rob & Liz Hilton
3/22 Terry & Kathy O'Dell

The 12-month birthday list is posted on the bulletin board in Pioneer Hall. For additions or corrections, please call the church office.

LAY LEADER CORNER

As we now come into Spring, we find it is also the Lenten Season. Lent began on February 14th and will conclude 40 days later at sunset Easter Eve. Sunday, April 1st, is Easter Sunday. The main focus of this 40-day period of time, is to focus and be ready for the Resurrection Event of Easter. The color purple is the liturgical color for this season of the Christian year.

March is a lovely Spring month to begin to see beautiful flowers and blossoms showing their full colors! The almond orchards in particular are showing their lovely delicate blooms for all to enjoy. We definitely need everyone to please pray for rain each day.

This is a busy month for our church. The Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction will be March 2nd. Come for a delicious dinner and stay for an evening of great fun and bidding on your favorite pie.

The last day that Life Touch will be taking pictures for our new Church Picture Directory will be March 8th. It will be great to have the new directory to check someone's name or want to check the spelling of a name. Thanks to all who have been working on this project.

March 11th is Daylight Savings Time change. We need to remember on Saturday Night, March 10th, to turn your clocks ahead 1-hour so you won't miss church!

March 25th is Palm Sunday and we will have our regular two church services. The children will carry palms and sing as they proceed down the main aisle of the sanctuary at the beginning of the 9:00 a.m. service. The Chancel Choir will proceed at the 11:00 a.m. service. March 30th is Good Friday our service at 12:00 p.m. Please join us!

We still have church family who are recovering from the flu, surgery, or other discomforts. Please remember them in your prayers, calls and sending of a card.

I would like to close with Psalm 25:10:

"Every path He guides us on is fragrant with His loving kindness."

Blessings Always,

Shirley Anderson, Lay Leader

Trustees Update

~A yard cleanup day is planned for Saturday, March 24 to shape up things around exterior yard areas and play yard.

~New sanctuary monitors are in place purchased by memorial funds from families who offered to fund this project.

~Small exterior shed will replace the old leaking one soon.

~Sanctuary carpets will be professionally cleaned before Easter.

~Investigation of heat/air system to replace all window units is in progress.

~Video of church property in progress to accommodate insurance & conference backup information.

~Exterior painting & brick maintenance is future project.

~Surveillance system of church & grounds is in place for safety and security.

~More playground maintenance will be done with funds from generous donor.

Helen Bartlett, Recording Secretary

Board 2018: Rob Hilton, Chair - Jerry Fish, Vice Chair - Helen Bartlett, Recording Secretary - Lincoln Eden - Trina Smith - Karl Medbery - Liz Ralph - Marcia Davis - Pastor Glen Raley - Hb 3-2018

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Hello Ladies,

What a nice time we all had at the February 3rd General Meeting. After leading us through the UMW Purpose and Pledge, Marcia Davis went over each page in the yearly pamphlet, going line by line in the budget, explaining it clearly and knowledgeably. It's exciting that 59 adults plus several children were in attendance and that child care is now available for General Meetings. A big thank you to Mary Rodriguez who generously made her famous tortillas for our enjoyment.

Marsha Sylvester-Jose has ordered 11 new books for our Library and Reading Program. Be sure to see what appeals to you and read, read, read.

The Prayer and Self Denial letter explains very nicely what the funds are used for and Bonnie Shelton devised a fun way to donate. You have HOW MANY pairs of shoes? Really? Pay up!

Our community hasn't forgotten the fires that devastated so many and on February 24th there was a fundraiser at the Elks to help the Cascade Fire Victims. As usual the women of our church can be counted on to help, and several contributed desserts to this worthwhile fundraiser.

Ladies, it's not too early to start cleaning out closets and garages for the Rummage Sale on April 6-7. It will be here before you know it.

Happy St Patrick's Day! See you at the Executive Board Meeting on March 5th. Remember this is not an exclusive meeting, it is for all women.

Thought for the Day: *You decide every moment of every day who you are and what you believe in.*

Myra Wade,
Secretary

Marcia Davis, President
Vivian Riley & Bonnie Shelton, Co-Vice Presidents
Lucille Figary, Treasurer

United Methodist



Children's Page



February weather is confusing this year, rushing spring before we can catch up. We're trying to get in step. Easter is early this year, first Sunday in April. Plans for children to sing are in process. Robin Harland will lead them in celebration with the congregation. Robin Pask will coordinate the annual Easter Egg hunt that will follow at the end of the service. Remembering that Jesus Rose Again will highlight the day. Lessons in the classroom focus on Easter and what it means to Christians.

VBS plans are in the works with Pastor Glen and his happy group of volunteers. Dates and plans will be coming soon for this fun event in June.

Other spring and summer plans will be posted soon.

Special thanks to everyone who supports and helps in Sunday school and youth group.

Helen Bartlett – Sunday School Superintendent

*Co-School Superintendent: Helen Bartlett & Robin Harland
Teaching staff and volunteers: Robin Harland, Robin Pask,
Rob Hilton, Liz Hilton, Helen Bartlett, Liz Ralph, Jennifer Kelly,
Trina Smith, Jerry Fish, Jennifer Diego, Maryjane Matthews*

Helping Our Church

***Our gratitude to all those helping our church
last month and all who volunteer throughout the
year:***

Bell Ringer: di mccumber

Ushers: 9 am – Jerry & Shelly Fish,
11 am – Janet Herald, Trina Smith & di mccumber;

Greeters: 9 am – Cheryl Bottum, 11 am - ;

Liturgists: 9 am – Debbie Hopking, 11 am- Vivian Riley;

Music Leaders: Praise Team – Lisa Weir

Chancel Choir Director: Jeff Hinkle

Musicians: Joan Everett, Rob Hilton, Jeff Hinkle,
Terry Raley and Lisa Weir

Sound Board Techs: 9 & 11 a.m. – Jerry Fish,
Karl Medbery, Tony Pollizzi, Curtis Sylvester-José

PowerPoint Techs: Marcia Davis, Terry Raley

Sunday School Sup'ts: Helen Bartlett and Robin Harland

Youth Group Leaders: Rob & Liz Able Hilton

Altar Stewards: Robin Pask, Liz Ralph & Pam Carmichael

Sanctuary Stewards: Mark Beszhak

Communion Stewards: Shirley Anderson & Lenna Mullins

Church Treasurers: Janet Herald and Debbie Hopking

Counters: Bonnie Archuleta, Claudia Bradford,
Lenna Mullins

Financial Secretary: Lenna Mullins

Librarian: Marsha Sylvester-José

Volunteers: Bonnie Archuleta, Cathy Deaton,
Marilyn Kostlivi, Bonnie Shelton, Lorna Stutz, Myra Wade,
Lenna Mullins & Janet Herald

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Potluck and Coffee Fellowship.***

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SUNDAY SERVICES

*** FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH – 10:00 a.m.**

Combined Worship and Communion Service followed with Potluck

*** ALL OTHER SUNDAYS:**

9 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service,

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

*** EVERY SUNDAY - 1:00 p.m. - Hmong Language Worship**