First United Methodist Church, Sacramento

Our Purpose is for all to faithfully grow together as the hands and heart of Jesus Christ for the World.

Our Vision: Enriching lives, engaging hearts, energizing faith

Our Journey: Knowing, loving, serving God and others

Our Core Values: Inclusivity, Love, Generosity, Passion, Service, Faith, Open-mindedness

Helpful Information for Parents: Children are most welcome in worship. You may wish to use our safe and secure nursery for infants and toddlers located just off the Terrace Room on the first floor. Our ushers can direct you.

As you prepare for worship this morning, we invite your attention to the cards available in the pew racks for you to fill out. The blue prayer card is for noting any concerns or celebrations about which you would like the Pastor and the congregation to be in prayer with you. The ushers will collect these cards during the “Time of Singing”.

- Also in your bulletin this morning you will find a “Here I Am” card, on which you are invited to register your presence and offering of time and attentiveness to God during the coming week. This card will be collected as part of the Offering later in the service.

- The altar flower calendar sign-up is now posted in the Terrace Room. Those who would like to honor loved ones with altar flowers are encouraged to sign up on the calendar, indicating which Sunday flowers are desired. The cost of the arrangement is $47.50 and are ordered by the office.

Sunday, January 31, 2016 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Community Breakfast (Terrace Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship and Hospitality (Terrace Room)
11:30 a.m. Youth – Super Bowl Pizza Sales (Terrace Room)
12:00 noon Conversation Number Two: Modern Worship? (Terrace Room)

Next Sunday, February 7, 2016– Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: “On Top of Old Smokey”

On the mountaintop, the disciples meet a miracle and their lives are forever changed.
Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Cordless Hearing Devices, and Large Print and Braille Hymnals are Available from the Ushers

Audio Technician: Michael Varney and Vince Kumar
Worship Visuals: Kalpana Kumar and Will Montgomery II
Usher: Norm Helsel (head usher), Phyllis Helsel, Stephen Helsel, Paul Askelson, Marvin Brown, Dick Johnson, Dorothy Klishevich, Adora Crame and Sarah Smith

Ministers: All Who Would Follow Christ
Pastor: Rev. Donald P. Lee
Director of Young People’s Ministries: Jennifer Banghart
Lay Leaders: Bob Peck, Kimi McCaskill Hatcher and Will Montgomery III
Director of Music Ministries: Joseph Silmaro ～ Worship Director: Terry Haug
Faith Community Nurse: Patricia Weedon
Staging a Miracle Outreach: Chayla Gustin
Wisdom in Ministry Outreach: Rev. Cathy Cook
Office and Building Administrator: Dianne Y. Smith ～ Bookkeeper: Ginny Beebe
Nursery Coordinators: Debra Hoffman, Tina and Betty Lundardi

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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~~ This Week at First Church ~~

Monday, February 1
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Terrace Room and Great Room 201)

Tuesday, February 2
6:30 p.m. Nar-Anon (Great Room 201)

Wednesday, February 3
7:00 p.m. NA-12 Steps (Great Room 201)

Thursday, February 4
9:45 a.m. United Methodist Women (UMW) Executive Meeting (Library)
10:45 a.m. UMW General Meeting, Luncheon and Program (Terrace Room)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, February 6
8:00 a.m. Mid-Town Farmer’s Market (20th and K)
8:00 a.m. Youth – E-Waste Drive (Big Parking Lot)
8:30 a.m. Family Promise Committee Gets Ready for Guests (209, 214, 216, LOFT)
9:30 a.m. Bridges District Revival – all day in Fairfield

Sunday, February 7 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Young People’s Ministries (Conference 206)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Hospitality & Fellowship (Terrace Room)
11:30 a.m. Youth – Super Bowl Pizza Pick-Up (Terrace Room)
12:00 noon Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library)
3:00 p.m. Super Bowl TV for Family Promise Participants and others (Terrace Room)
3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Family Promise participants arrive for the week (Terrace Room, 209, 214, 216, LOFT)

Youth Sponsored E-Waste Drive on Saturday, February 6 from 8 a.m. to noon.

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Knowing…
KNOWING God, about God, about our faith is an important part of the journey we are all on as Christians. Part of this “knowing” is related to lifelong learning and our connection to God: Bible study, understanding the intersection of faith and society, learning about faith through small groups, personal study and reflection. Additionally, “knowing” refers to our connection to others, sharing in relational service with others, and participating in fellowship so that relationships can flourish. Finally, “knowing” is a way of saying that we strive to recognize God’s abiding and guiding and good presence in all of life’s situations, from the highest pinnacles to the normal times to the most challenging hours of daily living.

Lenten Enrichment Opportunities for You!
Ash Wednesday Worship, February 10th, 7 p.m. in the Chapel
   A service of repentance and renewal as we begin the Lenten journey together. Our Chancel Choir will provide a choral offering and you can receive the sign of the cross on your forehead using last year’s Palm Sunday palm ashes.

A Provocative Study
Paul Wasn’t a Christian
   A class on five Wednesdays at 7 to 8:30 p.m. from February 17th to March 16th.
   Class Leader: Carl Thomas
   There’s no homework; there, however, are recommended readings to enhance your understanding. Sign up at coffee hour or call and give contact information at the office.
   We’ll consider the following, and more:
   Paul did not believe in faith in Christ
   Paul was not against women speaking in gatherings of the faithful
   Paul didn’t write the famous chapter on love in First Corinthians 13
   Paul wanted to bring all the world to Judaism

Sunday Bible Study
The Gospel of Luke
   Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for the six weeks of Lent beginning February 14th. We will explore the entire Gospel of Luke together.
   Class Leader: Pastor Don
   Each week, we will read four chapters at home and then encounter them together in class. Any Bible will do, everyone is welcome!
Loving…
LOVING God and neighbor are another important part of our Christian journey. Jesus reminds us to “love God with all our hearts, with all our being and your neighbor as we love ourselves.” First, then, is to love God in all of God’s goodness and graciousness; we offer everything to God because everything is of God. Secondly, because God loves us, we love ourselves: we embrace for ourselves the courage, strength, peace, and power for living God provides as a gift of love. Thirdly, we love our neighbors because God has given us the capacity to do so, even when it is difficult for us; we seek for our neighbors what is best for them for what is best for them is best for us.

Staff Parish Relations Committee
During the next few months, our Staff Parish Relations Committee will be working closely with our Bishop and the Bishop’s Cabinet to facilitate a smooth and fruitful pastoral transition on July 1st. Your voice is important, so feel free to speak with any of the member of the SPRC. Members are:
Patricia Coleman, Chair; (patty Coleman@sbcglobal.net) Randi Turner; Ryan Digman; Norm Helsel; Kelley Barker, Will Montgomery, II, Walt Edwards, Jonnie Johnson and K.J. Rhoads.

Bridges District Revival
The Bridges District Revival will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Community UMC, located at 1875 Fairfield Avenue. Fairfield. Lunch will be provided and child care available. Registration deadline is January 27. Suggested donation is $15 per person. To register, contact Pastor Don soon at revdonlee@gmail.com

Last year’s revival was an exciting and spiritually fulfilling event. About 200 United Methodist gathered from our Bridges District, which stretches from the Bay Areas to the Sacramento Area. Great music, powerful preaching, wonderful connections—hope you can attend!

Conversation Number Two: Modern Worship?
On January 10th, many of us gathered to discuss the possibilities of adding a second, modern worship service on Sunday mornings. This brought forth many comments that were helpful and heartfelt.

Our Leadership Team asked the Modern Worship group to hold two sessions to solicit congregational input. Consequently, we invite you to attend our Conversation Number Two today, Sunday, January 31st following worship.

Our focus will be that to which we are called by our United Methodist Bishops:
“How Do We Create New Places for New People?”

Join the conversation...we need to hear your voice!
Serving…
SERVING is the process where we return God’s gifts of grace to those in need, to our church, and to our families. We seek to understand issues of social justice so that our service may be beneficial to others. We seek to serve those who are close by, but also those who are far away through the ministry of the church. We serve each other in love as we seek to live out God’s desire for us. *We live with a heart for others.*

**United Methodist Women (UMW)**
The United Methodist Women will be meeting on Thursday, February 4th. Their monthly meeting will feature speaker Annie Brackney from the Wellsprings Women’s Center located in Oak Park. She will also share about their Oak Park Christmas for participants. Ms. Brackney will also be giving an overview of the services their organization provides. All women are invited to attend.
- Executive Meeting: 9:45 a.m.
- Business Meeting: 10:45 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
- Program: 12:15 p.m.

**Super Bowl Party! Please join Family promise Guests next Sunday, February 7th for a Super Bowl Party, and…..**
First church members and friends are invited to join the Family Promise guests for a super Bowl Party, Sunday afternoon from 3 – 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room. The committee needs help to provide snacks and dinner for that event. To find out how you can help...contact Darryl Boykins, Darryl.Boykins@gmail.com.

Also, to get ready for our guests, the Missions Committee will hold a work party Saturday, February 6 from 9 to 12 noon to prepare the rooms and set up for the Super Bowl Party.

And lastly, as the families will be in residence at the church the week of February 7th, we need volunteers to be the hosts, provide dinner, cleanup and stay at the church overnight. See the Family promise table for more information and sign-up after worship today.
Enriching Lives!
Engaging Hearts!
Energizing Faith!

About

First United Methodist Church of Sacramento was founded in 1849. The United Methodist Church is the modern result of what was called The Methodist Movement, which was started by a man named John Wesley in the 18th Century. United Methodists tend to be moderate who look to the Bible first to find God’s word, but also find God speaking through the tradition of the Christian Church, as well as our own ability to think and to experience God for ourselves. We hold three things as vital to our faith: study, worship, and service. That’s why at this church we say that we’re faithfully growing as the hands and heart of Jesus Christ for the world through knowing, loving, and serving.

First Church is also called to the ministry of reconciliation. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God. We celebrate our human family’s diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, education, and physical and mental ability. We welcome all as beloved children of God.
Youth on the Move – Good Stuff Happening!

- Youth will begin selling pizzas for Super Bowl Sunday. **They will begin taking orders on Sunday, January 17 through January 31**. You can pick-up your delicious pizza ready for the oven after church on Sunday, February 7. Proceeds from this pizza sale will help youth with special summer projects such as Sierra Service.

- **Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, February 17**. If your youth is 6th through 12 grade and is interested in learning more about the church, exploring their faith, and becoming a member. Please see Youth Ministries Director, Jen Banghart for details.

- **Sierra Service Project Dates are in!!**
  Jr. High will be traveling to Chilloquin, Oregon June 25 – July 3
  Sr. High will be traveling to Spokane, Washington July 16th – July 24th.

  Deposits are due. If you have not yet paid your $50 deposit, please see Jen Banghart right away. The next payment installment of $115 is due on February 15, 2016. Questions? See Jen.

- So...you’ll be getting new electronics for Christmas! The old stuff has to go and we have just the place. Start getting your E-WASTE items together for the **youth’s E-Waste Collection scheduled for Saturday, February 6th from 8 – 12 noon.** That morning bring your items to the big parking lot and youth will unload. Proceeds from this collection will help the youth on special projects this summer.

- **A week at camp can be a life-changing experience for children and youth.**
  The Summer Camp Programs offered by the California-Nevada Annual Conference is about creating lifelong, life-changing memories for young people in a safe, fun and caring environment. A child attending camp will discover an ever-greater love for God – while growing in self-confidence, resourcefulness, and gratefulness. Would your child like to attend camp this year? Will Montgomery III will be attending and invites others to join him! Need more information contact Will Montgomery III or Jen Banghart.
Leadership Team for 2016

Chair: Jim Johnson

Lay Leaders: Bob Peck, Kimi McCaskill Hatcher, Will Montgomery III

Staff Parish Relations: Patricia Coleman

Board of Trustees: Roseanne Lopez

Finance: To Be Determined

Worship: Terry Haug

Missions: Glenn Tilton and Darryl Boykins

Communications: To Be Determined

Young People’s Ministry: Pat Peck

United Methodist Women: Phyllis Varney

Pastor: Rev. Donald P. Lee

Staff (Voice & No Vote):
  Young People’s Ministry: Jennifer Banghart
  Office & Building Administrator: Dianne Y. Smith
  Secretary: Julie Rodriguez