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.
- This morning altar flowers have been given by Yvette Brittain in memory of Floyd Brittain.
- Randy and Kathy Hammond are new grandparents of granddaughter, Olivia Reñée Orozco. Baby Olivia is the daughter of Taryn Reñée Hammond and Juan Orozco. She weighed 6 lbs, 11 ounces and was 19 inches tall. Olivia was born on February 16. Congratulations to the new parents and grandparents!

**Sunday, February 21 – Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. Community Breakfast (Terrace Room)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room 206)
9:15 a.m. Young People’s Ministry Meeting (Library)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service – We welcome Bridges District Superintendent, Rev. Schuyler Rhodes to give the message this morning (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship (Terrace Room)
12:00 noon All-Church Luncheon and “Dreaming of the Future for FUMC” Rev. Schuyler Rhodes leads the discussion (Terrace Room)

**Next Sunday, February 28 – Third Sunday in Lent**

Sermon Title: **The Gift of Dark Woods: The Gift of Emptiness**
Scripture: Mark 15:22-38
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.
Praying for Each Other

Our United Methodist Connection
We pray for the Bridges District Superintendent,
Rev. Schuyler Rhodes

Also in Loving Memory of Delight Trotter
February 5, 1919 to February 11, 2016
A memorial service for Delight will be held in the Chapel
on Tuesday, February 23rd at 10 a.m. with a reception to follow
in the Terrace Room and graveside services
to follow at Sacramento Memorial Lawn

In Loving Memory of the Rev. C. Douglas Hayward
November 4, 1921 to February 13, 2016
A memorial service is tentatively planned for April

We grieve, but not as those without hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13

Members of First United Methodist Church

Nell Alford          LeRoy Walker          Mel Johnson
Jeanette Smith       Barbara Spittler      Stephen Helsel
B.J. Hoyt            Connie Mieras         Mary McDaniel
Roberta Bramham      Louise Peck           Mary Eigbrett
Linda Knox           Tilda Redway
Kay Harrison Taber   Rev. Glenda Hayward and Family

Tony Riesinger, husband of Eileen Riesinger
Charlotte Helsel, Norm Helsel’s mother
Donald Elder, son of Dorothy Elder
The family of Hope Hernandez, aunt of Andrea Johnson
Bill Wetzel, father of Vince Wetzel
Wendy DeBevoise
Kelley Barker’s aunt, Helen, her husband of over 50 years, Eugene,
and the Barker Family
Elaine Nelson, niece of Joan Rice
Ellen Kynoch
JoAnn Vasquez, friend of Randi Turner
Barbara Turner, Harriet Kallemeen’s mother
Mary Dysert, mother of Ginny Beebe
~ This Week at First Church ~

Monday, February 22
10:00 a.m.  “Visitors” (Library)
7:00 p.m.  Boy Scouts (Terrace Room and Room 201)

Tuesday, February 23
10:00 a.m.  Memorial Service for Delight Trotter followed by a reception in the Terrace Room
6:30 p.m.  Nar-Anon (Great Room 201)
6:30 p.m.  Leadership Team (Conference Room 206)

Wednesday, February 24
6:00 p.m.  Confirmation Classes (LOFT)
7:00 p.m.  NA-12 Steps (Great Room 201)
7:00 p.m.  “Paul” Study (Conference Room 206)
7:00 p.m.  Baseball Commission (Library)

Thursday, February 25
7:15 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal (Terrace Room)

Saturday, February 27
8:00 a.m.  Mid-Town Farmer’s Market (20th and K)
1:00 p.m.  Birthday Event (Terrace Room)

Sunday, February 28
8:30 a.m.  Community Breakfast (Terrace Room)
9:00 a.m.  Bible Study (Conference Room 206)
10:30 a.m.  Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.  Hospitality and Fellowship (Terrace Room)

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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!**

**A Provocative Study**

**Paul Wasn’t a Christian**

A class on **five Wednesdays at 7 to 8:30 p.m. from now to March 16**th.

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.**

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!

**Safe Ground Team Successful**

First Church served 75 homeless women and men for Winter Shelter last Tuesday, February 16. Thanks to Patricia Daugherty for preparing and coordinating the dinner menu and Dick Johnson for managing the kitchen. Four turkeys from the Sacramento Food Bank were cooked and turned into a delicious turkey shepherd’s pie – salad and dessert rounded out the menu. Safe Ground Leaders provided registration to assure that no one was admitted...
you’d like to help or gather more information contact Laura or Steve Reed at lareed1@aol.com or stevegreed@aol.com.

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 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.

District Superintendent Schuyler Rhodes Here TODAY!
Our Bridges District Superintendent, the Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, is visiting First UMC this morning in worship. He will deliver the morning message and then hold a “dreaming” workshop following worship at Fellowship Time; all are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be provided. This will help our DS get a better picture of First UMC as the pastoral appointment season gets under way. We look forward to welcoming Schuyler to our congregation!

Family Promise Support – Our Thanks!
- Thanks to the generosity of the people of First United Methodist Church, the Family Promise Pillow Drive was a complete success. We asked for 20 new pillows and received 22. They have replaced the old hand-me-down pillows of the past. Yeah!
- Thanks for all the support as we hosted four families and turned our upstairs rooms into family bedrooms for the week. Special thanks to Gina Cornish and Mike McDoniels and their girls for organizing and getting the rooms clean, warm and welcoming – each room with fresh flowers. Our volunteers served as greeters, hosts, provided dinner and cleanup. Each night someone from First Church stayed overnight for security.
- The SUPER BOWL PARTY was well received with 34 in attendance. We had
three drop-in guests who found Will Montgomery’s Facebook post and came because they were looking for a non-drinking, Christian Super Bowl Party, and company – and we delivered!! Great Fun!!

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.

Community Breakfast Coming Up
On Sunday, February 28 at 8:30 a.m. volunteers will serve a hot and nutritious breakfast to those in our community that need a helping hand. The volunteers provide two seating’s of 75 each and serve close to 150 guests within an hour and a half. If you would like to help with setting tables, serving, and greeting or preparing breakfast casseroles, please contact Glenn Tilton, co-chair of Missions. Many hands make light work!

Visitation Meeting Scheduled
If you are interested in visiting church members and friends, please attend this meeting. Scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m., the group and new members will meet in the church library. This group plays an important role in the life of the church, by visiting those who are unable to attend church regularly. Members connect and support those homebound members to help them maintain spiritual growth and keep them up on church activities. If you are interest in this ministry, but have questions please contact Patricia Weedon our Faith Community Nurse – patricia@firstumcsac.org

For Your Calendars – United Methodist Women General Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, March 5.
The United Methodist Women (UMW) invites all to join them at a potluck luncheon and a special program that is being offered. Matt Hoffman, of the City of Sacramento Police Department, North Gang Enforcement Team, will be speaking on gun violence in the community. Matt is well-known to the church community, being the son of Debra and Don Hoffman, and grandson of Eileen and Tony Riesinger. We’ve all recently seen the up-tick in gun violence in our communities and Matt’s perspective will be of interest to both men and women. So join the UMW group at 11:30 a.m. in the Terrace Room for a delicious lunch and interesting program. The UMW Executive meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. and the general meeting is at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome.
Youth on the Move – Good Stuff Happening!

● **Busy Weekend – Our Youth in Mission – Yes!!!**
Many of our youth left Sacramento on Friday, February 12th for an overnight in San Francisco and a work project held at Glide Memorial Church on Saturday morning. While at Glide Memorial they served breakfast to 635 individuals; and then helped prepare bag lunches for approximately 400-500. After working all morning they headed off to Golden Gate Park and then to an afternoon of roller skating.

On Sunday morning they headed south in time to visit and worship with former Youth Director, Karla Lundin, at her new church assignment, the Hollister UMC. At Karla’s church they helped lead the worship service and then served approximately 110 lunches. After visiting with Karla they stayed overnight where they enjoyed a lock-in with the Hollister’s church youth.

After the overnight, the youth headed a few miles away to meet with Rev. Steve Lundin, Karla’s husband, to help his Salinas church volunteers prepare and serve luncheon to folks in this area. All-in-all our youth help prepare or serve food to close to 1000 people during the long weekend.

Thanks to counselors Cheri Nelson, Gerilyn Miloslavic, Ken Banghart and Pastor Don.

Youth attendees were: Kyra Baldwin, Nikolas Baldwin, Cameron Banghart, Courtney Banghart, Jackson Wetzel, Will Montgomery III, Clarissa Nelson and Cindy Kallemeyn.

And a big thank you to these youth for their hard work, thoughtful service and for representing First Church in such a fine way.

● **Confirmation classes began on Wednesday, February 17.** If your young person 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 – [jen.banghart122@gmail.com](mailto:jen.banghart122@gmail.com) –for details.
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
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
Maintenance/Kitchen Services/Security: Johnny Morales, Susan Clark,
Johnny Morales, Jr., Rodney Martin, Tracy Bieberly, and Ed Jensen, Jr.

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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