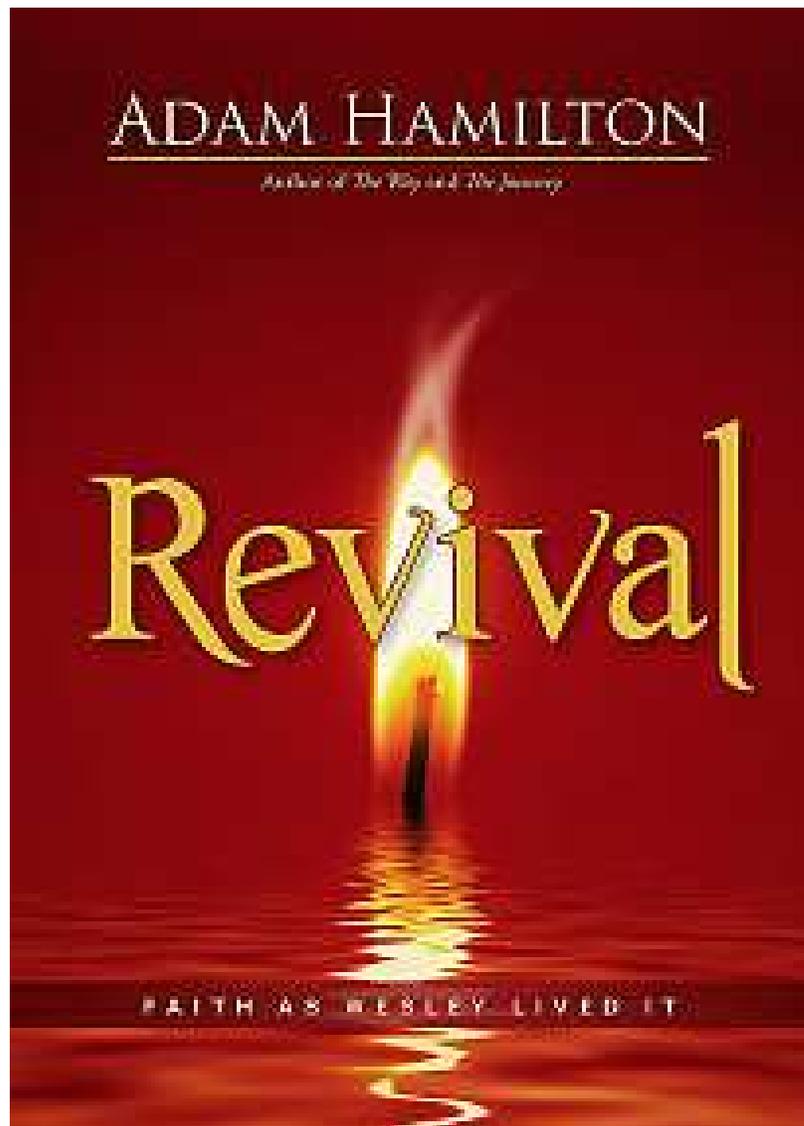


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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NAPA (707) 253-1411

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We are grateful to the Napa Community Seventh-day Adventist Church for their gracious invitation to worship in their church at the Corner of Brown and G Streets each Sunday and during the Advent Season.

Youth Group News

Our kids are having fun! Many thanks to Curtis Tinloy and Mike Robak!
If you are in middle or high school, come and see for yourself.
Each Sunday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Kagawa Room



Sierra Service Project News

The 2015 SSP Team will head to Smith River on Sunday, July 12th-18th.
Please call Dianne at the church office to reserve your spot.

We will be housed at the Smith River United Methodist Church and Smith River Elementary School which are across the street from each other. Our cooks will prepare meals and we will eat at the church. We will be showering a few blocks away at the Smith River Baptist Church and some other locations around the town.

If you are interested in having this wonderful opportunity for service, acceptance, and faith deepening experience, please call Dianne at the church office so we can get you registered. (707-253-1411)

You will have the time of your life!!!



Are You in the Mood to Volunteer?

**We are looking for Ushers, Visitors, Communion Preparers,
Teachers, Earthquake Workers, Hosts**

Please call the church office with your questions.

United Methodist Women

Attention sewers, pattern cutter-outers and ironers! Please join us for our second United Methodist Women's dress and shorts making workshop on Wednesday afternoon *April 29th from 12:30-3:30 pm* in the Kagawa Room at our church campus. Bring sewing machines, your favorite scissors, an ironing board and yes, we need at least two ironing stations. We will help each other create clothing for children. It looks like Rev. Linda Powers has found a pastor traveling to Africa who may transport our dresses to his village. We have fabric to work with but thread would be good for your own machine. Join the sewing bee and let's have some fun too!

Our UMW Mini-Thrift Shop continues to need your donations. Spread the word about our shop as more shoppers are needed for our great bargains and quality second-hand items. We want you to shop with us because the proceeds go to support women and children in Napa and the world. Bring a friend with you too and your cloth shopping bag!

Our next United Methodist Women's Unit meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 10am in the Kagawa Room. **This is a time change** as we are now meeting in the morning! Joan Feury and her team will provide the program and Linda Young will come to talk with us about Human Trafficking. All church women are invited to learn and explore this topic. Please join us for lunch after the program. Our meals are delicious and our company is good too. We will be organizing for the distribution of Human Trafficking Hotline Telephone Number posters to massage parlors and spas as our mission project. Officer Debbie Peecook from the Napa Police Department is assisting us with this outreach project. Hope to see you at our meeting.



Fruit of the Vine

How exciting it was to discover such fine photographs accompanied by an article covering the fifteenth annual Easter Sunrise Service conducted this past Sunday by Pat Hitchcock and Burke Owens on the front page of Monday's Napa Valley Register. A few of you also caught what might be considered an even more significant article, also on the front page of Monday's paper, depicting the work of

the Long Term Recovery Group formed late last year by a number of nonprofits including Napa First United Methodist Church.

Some of you may have been concerned when you read that “volunteers want to raise \$990,000 under the auspices of the First United Methodist Church of Napa.” I want to clarify for those and others that our congregation is not expected to raise \$990,000 toward this effort! A better description of the relationship between our church and this effort would have been to describe Napa First UMC as the fiduciary agent for the group. In other words, we are the 501(c)3 nonprofit who will be receiving and dispersing the funds on behalf of the Long Term Recovery Group. We serve an administrative function, not a fundraising function.

That having been said, however, I thought the article so significant as to warrant its reprint in this issue of The Grapevine in case you may have missed its original printing. It describes well the relationship forged by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the local entities engaged in recovery work following a natural disaster. I hope you’ll enjoy reading the story and that, on behalf of the people of the United Methodist Church, UMCOR represents our compassion when it comes to helping those in the process of recovering from such disasters.

New Group Is Offering Earthquake Aid

Private effort helps people still in need

KERANA TODOROV

Seven months after the 6.0-magnitude earthquake hit Napa, Lindajean Folline and Stephen Wise still live in a yellow-tagged house in central Napa. But help may be on the way.

On Thursday, Dan Grant, a retired contractor who volunteers for the newly formed Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, came to the G Street house, clipboard in hand, to assess the damage. Until now, Folline and Wise had not been able to qualify for financial aid to make repairs because the house is in a family trust. While the trust is paying to restore the foundation of the house, which Folline’s grandfather purchased in 1922, Grant estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of repairs have yet to be done.

The staircases to the front and the rear of the house have sustained “significant” damage, a sewer pipe leak in the basement, and the walls between the foundation and the first floor have moved. Folline, who was honeymooning in Alaska with Wise when the earthquake hit, recalls filling out form after form, all to no avail. Damage to their house – which was red-tagged for about a month after the powerful earthquake, making it uninhabitable – forced the newlyweds to live with relatives in Walnut Creek.

“We fell through the cracks,” said Folline, a hairdresser in Napa. “I’m proud of my home and I’m grateful for any help I can get.” The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, which operates alongside the Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group, is sponsored in part through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, a national and international disaster relief organization known as UMCOR. The group’s goal is to fulfill the long-term needs of residents like Folline and Wise who have not been able to qualify for disaster relief through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other organizations. The organization plans to reach out to local and national organizations for volunteers and in-kind donations. “We’re just getting started,” said Philip Bandy, who works for the California-Nevada Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

In Napa, three case managers and a supervisor, a social worker, have been hired through a \$100,000 grant from UMCOR, said Matt Pope, a representative for the earthquake recovery group. They have been sorting through about 3,500 requests for help filed after the earthquake at the Napa Local Assistance Center, which closed in December. The case managers, who now have 30 open cases, expect referrals from other organizations.

The volunteers want to raise \$990,000 under the auspices of the First United Methodist Church in Napa for the long-term recovery effort, which could last 18 months or longer. “We never know exactly how many people need our services,” said Craig Patterson, a retired Methodist minister and treasurer of Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity who has spearheaded the new recovery efforts in Napa and Vallejo. Debbie Catz, case manager supervisor for the South Napa Earthquake Recovery, said she and the two other case managers started reaching out to Napa residents last month. The most common needs include funding for buckled floors, fallen chimneys and foundations.

Nearly 7,000 South Napa Earthquake victims applied last year for federal assistance. The South Napa Earthquake Recovery members are in contact with the public agencies and private organizations that have also provided support to quake victims, including the Napa Valley Community Foundation, which is managing a \$10 million gift from the Napa Valley Vintners. The foundation, as of March 31, had distributed \$3 million in direct financial assistance to residents and business owners. The foundation’s aid also has included \$815,000 to 20 nonprofit organizations that provided services to residents after the earthquake.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Have you been or will you be a caregiver in the future? Join Church Women United on May Friendship Day to explore your call of caring for the needs of others. Caregiving can be a lonely place of isolation and frustration. Jesus calls all of us to care for the least of these. TerryAnn Steffen from the Area Agency on Aging will explore available support. Others will share their experiences as care givers. All are welcome, men too.

10:30 a.m.: Friday, May 1 for the program "Journey of the Caregiver."

11:30 a.m.: Potluck luncheon

Where: Napa Valley Lutheran Church, 1796 Elm Street.



Welcome Our New Members
Napa FUMC Is pleased to have these people join our church family.



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Although Patty just recently started attending our church, she had visited before and found us to be progressive and friendly. She and her husband have been members of the Huntsville, Texas UMC since 1979. While there they served as youth ministers in their younger years. Patty also was director of the hand bell choirs and children's/youth choirs for twenty years. In addition, she served as a Sunday school teacher. In her professional life Patty is a physician of Preventive and Occupational Medicine. She practiced in Huntsville for many years but recently has been at the Kaiser clinic in Vacaville. She will soon be transferring to the Napa clinic. Before becoming a physician she was a music teacher. If you want to know more about Patty you can read her blog at pattybilhartz.com. She has also published a book Love Trumps Fear and is working on her second book. Patty moved to Napa at the beginning of March. She and her husband had planned to move to Napa this year. Sadly, he passed away suddenly in December. Her son and daughter are both physicians. Her son lives in College Park, Texas with his wife and two children. Her daughter lives in American Canyon with her husband and her 16-month-old baby. In her spare time Patty likes to practice yoga, take walks and play with her grandchildren.



Steve & Karen Brothers

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Steve and Karen have lived in Napa for fourteen years. Before that they lived in San Mateo. Steve had a career in real estate development and Shirley was an interior designer for commercial buildings. They have two children. Laura, their daughter, is married and has a two month old baby boy, Lincoln. They live in Concord, CA. Their son, Luke, lives in San Jose and has a career in information technology. When the Brothers were looking for a new church they came to us because they liked our pastor and found us to be friendly and welcoming. They are participating in a study group and also a supper group. In addition, Karen has joined UMW. They both are active with Habitat for Humanity. Steve has been on the board and is a past president of the local chapter. They enjoy going out on their boat. Steve also likes working on his classic car, a 1940 Ford, that his family bought when it was new. Karen enjoys Quilting and she is learning to knit. Of course, they both love spending time with their new grandbaby.





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Keith is a seminary student at Fuller Theological Seminary. He takes classes both in Sacramento and Menlo Park. He has about two more years and then wishes to enter a doctoral program with the end goal of becoming an ordained minister. He found our church when he was exploring our downtown area. He came and Jo Neish asked him if he played the drums and if he would like to play in the Fusion band. He has been with them ever since. He previously lived in Toronto, Canada where he was a full time minister in a Filipino Methodist Church. He has lived in the Bay Area, Orange County, Toronto and now Napa. Being a full time seminarian, commuting to classes and studying take up the majority of his time. However, he does like to volunteer at community events such as the recent Walk for Cancer. In his spare time he enjoys working in his garden, reading, movies and wine tasting.



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The Lee's lived in Carmel Valley for fifty years before moving here. They moved here to be nearer their daughter. Both of the Lees grew up in England and that is where they met and married. As a young couple they decided to travel to interesting places in the world before settling down. Eventually they moved to Marin County then moved on to Carmel Valley. Richard had a career as a mechanical engineer. Thelma was a private secretary and later a school secretary. The Lee's have three children. Their daughter, Sandra, lives in Calistoga. She is married and has a 12-year-old son. Daughter, Christine, lives in Seattle. She is married and has three children. Son, Geoffrey is a single Dad raising two sons. He lives in Flowery Branch, Georgia. The Lee's visited our church, liked us and decided to join. They were former members of the Carmel Valley Community Church. They are settling in to a new life style at the Meadows. In the past Richard enjoyed anything to do with airplanes. He has a pilot's license for private planes and at one time owned his own plane. Thelma likes sewing and knitting.

Again we say welcome—we're glad you're here!

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Seventh-day Adventist Church
Fusion Contemporary Worship Experience: 11:00 am
Seventh-day Adventist Chapel
Corner of Brown and G Streets, Napa

Monday Silent Meditation Group—5:30 pm—FUMC Nursery
Friday Labyrinth Meditation Walk—Noon - FUMC

Adult Bible Study Group—10:45 am—Young Adult Room, S-d A Church
GRAPE Express—3 years through 5th grade—9:30-S-d A Church
Youth Group meets on Sundays in our Bonner Building

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