

# *THE GRAPEVINE*

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*If you are the mom, dad, grandma or grandpa who has a graduate this year, please get in touch with the church office or you may email a bio. We love to post these in the church bulletin and also the Grapevine. We want to include everyone so please send it or call this week.*



*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. Thank You!*

## **Gasser Foundation Funds Grant Request for Napa First United Methodist Church!! Additional Funds Promised!**

Over the course of the last few weeks, Finance Committee Chairperson Susan Archer and Church Council Chairperson Dave Whitmer have been working diligently to secure a line of credit from any one of several local banks to complete construction from earthquake repair and seismic retrofit as well as some additional work related to those repairs.

The good news has been that our congregation is asset rich. The challenging news has been that we've experienced no outstanding liability and, thus, cannot produce any history of debt service to satisfy the bank's requirement that we generate income for the sole purpose of paying interest on an existing outstanding loan.

In an exploratory conversation between Gasser Foundation President, Joe Peatman, Napa FUMC Finance Committee Chair Susan Archer and Marketing and Fundraising CATCH Team consultant Liz Marks, Joe expressed an interest in hearing our financial need even though the timing is currently outside the funding cycle for the foundation. Several follow-up conversations between Joe and Liz resulted in a formal presentation before the Gasser Foundation Board of Trustees on Thursday morning, May 21<sup>st</sup> by Liz Marks and Pastor Lee Neish.

By the end of the day, Joe communicated with Liz Marks that the foundation had agreed to fund the Napa Chamber Music Society \$50,000 for the purposes of applying a lime wash to treat the new plaster application in the sanctuary for acoustic purposes as well as the construction of a new platform on our chancel which would eliminate the use of the sawhorses under the existing platform.

The foundation also is giving us a grant of \$100,000 in 2015 and is making a pledge of gifting us a grant of \$175,000 next year. Also, Mr. Peatman is assisting us in our approach of other funders in the Napa Valley for an additional \$100,000.

All this means that we'll receive \$150,000 toward construction costs this year, an additional \$175,000 next year, and the potential of an additional \$100,000. This means that we can expect to receive something between \$325,000 and \$425,000 during this two year period. It also means that we'll be able to meet the demands of qualifying for bank loans by demonstrating that we have the finances to service the loan debt during the duration of the loan period. Joe made it clear that he wanted us to use the money we were receiving to assist in securing that loan.

Joe Peatman and the Gasser Foundation were eager to financially assist us in recognition of the role that Napa First UMC has played in serving all Napa demographics during the previous years. In her presentation, Liz noted that:

- every building on campus is used for the community;
- 70,000 plus person hours have been provided annually to the community;
- 47 distinct community groups hold regular meetings including
  - The Hope Center in Adams Hall,
  - The Napa Valley Nursery School in the Bonner Building,
  - The Boy Scouts in the Bonner Building,
  - AA and other self-help groups in the Bonner Building, and
  - The Chamber Music Concert Series in our sanctuary.

They are eager to join us over the next few years to ensure a better outcome for the entire neighborhood so that we become a safe, clean place for all groups including the homeless by making this investment in capital improvements in collaboration with local agencies, neighbors, the City of Napa, the County of Napa and other faith organizations.



***Our Sunday offering for No More Malaria totaled \$1,048!!! We are grateful.***



**Join us for a New Message Series beginning this Sunday:**

***Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go***

On May 31<sup>st</sup> and proceeding for the following four Sundays throughout June, Pastor Lee Neish will share how to receive the freedom that comes with forgiving—even if the person needing to be forgiven is ourselves. Together, we'll walk through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and ask forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness.

Forgiveness is essential to our lives. Without it, no marriage can survive, no family can stay together, and no society can be sustained. It is a necessary part of lasting friendships and work relationships.

The reason lies in an inescapable fact of human nature: we are bound to hurt others, and others are bound to hurt us. If we are to live successfully, and if we are ever to know freedom and joy, these six words must be a regular part of our vocabulary: “I am sorry” and “I forgive you.” If we lack the ability to say, “I am sorry,” life will be immeasurably more difficult than it needs to be. If we can't bring ourselves to say, “I forgive you,” life will be filled with bitterness and pain.

Over the course of these Sundays, we'll examine four common relationships in which we find ourselves in need of receiving or extending forgiveness: our relationship with God, with our spouses or romantic interests, with our parents and siblings, and with all others in our lives.

There are many dimensions to forgiveness, and each situation in which forgiveness is required is unique; there are circumstances that have led me to counsel individuals in ways different from the big concepts covered in this series. But we'll receive encouragement surrounding the most common relationships in which we find ourselves needing to give or receive it.

My hope is that you'll invite friends and family to join you for this series and that you might find encouragement as you seek reconciliation and healing through the act of asking for, and extending, forgiveness.

**And don't miss the final Sunday in this series on June 28<sup>th</sup>  
when the Cathedral Choir performs a medley from:  
*Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***

This was the first musical produced by the team of Tim Rice (lyricist) and Andrew Lloyd Webber (composer). It was premiered at the Colet Court School, Hammersmith on March 1, 1968, and at that time was only about 20 minutes in length. It was extended in 1972 to a full-length musical, and its revival in 1992 has been modernized.

Based on the biblical account of Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, this musical chronicles his favored status in the family, his exile to Egypt, and his popularity with the King because of his ability to interpret dreams. Beginning at chapter 37 in Genesis, perhaps the greatest story ever written on forgiveness culminates in a most dramatic and unexpected ending in chapter 50. While not required, your appreciation for the story told musically will be enhanced if you take the time to read through those final fourteen chapters in the Book of Genesis. And, due to the special nature of this Sunday morning presentation, GRAPE Express will not meet. Only child care in the nursery will be provided.

- Pastor Lee



### ***Builders and the New Addition***

It's party time and the Builders are ready to rally around the Neal patio to share another great social evening together. This is a full on potluck with no money to exchange hands. In true potluck spirit, *bring a dish to share!* All the plates, glasses and silverware will be provided. As you know the evenings can be cool so *bring a jacket.* Save the date, *Saturday June 13, 2015 from 5-7 pm* at 1057 Hardman Ave. Yes, of course we will be playing party games, socializing and doing what Builders do best; continue to grow in faith, fellowship, family, and FUN!

Please come enjoy a relaxing evening with folks that want you to get to know better. You don't have to have any experience being a Builder, we'll get you a started! Just plan to come.

Kay Neal, 1057 Hardman Ave. Napa, 707 224-8491 or 707 479-8576



### **Dear Friends at Napa UMC,**

Earthquake response continues in full swing this week in Nepal. UMN is now supporting relief work for almost 9000 households in 7 VDCs (regions) of Dhading district (just west of Kathmandu). We were all encouraged by the availability of BIG helicopters on Monday and Tuesday that enabled us to get supplies to northern parts of Dhading in significant quantities. In these places even

the suspension bridges and walking paths have been wiped away by falling boulder and landslides, making access nearly impossible.

I spent the last three days in the capital of Dhading district where our health team was conducting a training and orientation for our partner organizations and seven Emergency Community Health Facilitators. These seven folks will spend the next three months training local Female Community Health Volunteers and supporting the health response in our target locations. They will focus on four key areas: emergency nutrition, reproductive health, psycho-social first-aid and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene). Other members of our Health Team have been setting up three therapeutic feeding centers for severely malnourished children that we will also run along with our partners.

The 7.3 aftershock that occurred on Tuesday May 12 was probably more emotionally challenging for me and others than the first 7.8 quake. This is because we had all been expecting aftershocks to continue decreasing in number and intensity. While within the probable, the big aftershock was not expected. We have averaged almost 10 aftershocks per day of magnitude 4 or higher since the initial quake on April 25, although there were only 3 in the past 24 hours. Many people are still jumpy, but the situation feels like it is stabilizing a bit and we are moving into a more regular pace of work. The first round of relief is almost completely delivered.

The next key concern is to support farmers to plant before the monsoon rains start so that next season's crop will be assured and we avert continued and further food insecurity. Temporary shelters are improving as more tarps become available; but they will not be sufficient when the monsoon starts, so stabilizing the shelter situation is also a key concern. Many of the communities that we can reach by road now will become inaccessible once the rains start in earnest, so time is still critical here.

The goal with our health interventions, as well as the need for seed and shelter, is targeted at preventing the situation from getting worse. We hope and are planning to also start working more on recovery and resilience in the coming months.

Thank you for the outpouring of concern for the people of Nepal and your continued prayers in this challenging time.

Your sister in service for Christ,

**Katherine Parker, Missionary**



### ***New Member Fellowship Friends***

We are looking for a few good men and women to be guides or mentors for our new members. We will give you training and resources. If you would like the opportunity to get to know some of our new members better, give me a call.

Barbara Barrett, 255-8167

**Introduction to Meditation.** Please join Peter Scaturro, Bill Pramuck, Dottie Lee and Mike Robak at 11 am after the 9:30 service on Sunday, May, 31<sup>st</sup> at the S-dA church (room to be announced) for a casual discussion about beginning meditation. Bring your questions and concerns. We will also practice sitting in silence for a short amount of time. There will be handouts of book titles that the Monday meditation group has read and discussed. Meditation can be a great practice for deepening your self awareness and your spiritual life.



## *Thank You*

*Mary, Lisa and I want to thank our FUMC Napa for all the prayers, support and love shown us. We would especially like to thank all those who had a hand in Patty's Celebration Of Life. It was a beautiful tribute to a beautiful person and we could not have pulled it off without all your help. We especially want to thank Dianne Mahler who made a tough time so much easier. Her wealth of knowledge, her contacts and her compassion are boundless. We hope to have all the thank you notes out in the next month and apologize for not getting them out sooner. It is a tougher job than we thought and another thing Patty seemed to do so effortlessly. Again, thank you for being there.*

*Mary, Lisa and Victor Renfrow*



***Come One, Come All!***  
***Annual Fun & Fellowship Pancake Breakfast***  
***Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am before worship***  
***Fireside Room at Seventh-day Adventist Church***  
***If you've never had Dana Zaccone's pancakes, you're in for a treat!!!***

## ***United Methodist Women Working with UMCOR***

Have you wanted to do something to help the victims of **Nepal**? Here's your chance. **UMCOR** or **United Methodist Committee on Relief** has put out a call that more Health Kits are needed to help the victims of the natural disasters. The kits in India were sent to Nepal and they need to be replenished. As do other areas of Oklahoma and the United States. With natural disasters seemingly on the rise, these small tokens of help can show that we care. Web address for kit materials : <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Health>

Please pick up your 1 gallon ziplock bag at after services with the following list enclosed and make the kit and return it to church. United Methodist Women will gather them and our lay leaders will take them to Cal/Nev conference in June to send them to UMCOR West in Salt Lake City for distribution. Please donate what you can and return **no later than June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Approximate cost per kit is \$12.00.

### Health Kit Materials

- **1 hand towel**

- 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches;
- Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

- **1 washcloth**

- **1 comb**

- Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long;
- No pocket combs or picks please;
- Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

- **1 metal nail file or nail clippers**

- No emery boards, please.

- **1 bath-size soap**

- 3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
- Do not remove from original packaging.

- **1 toothbrush**

- Adult size only;
- Do not remove from original packaging.

- **6 adhesive bandages**

- ¾ inch to 1 inch-size;
- Common household Band-Aids.

- **1 plastic bag**

- One-gallon size sealable bag only.

- **\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**

Assembly Directions

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

#### Important Notes

All items must be new.

Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.

Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.

Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

**UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. *Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Collect all money for toothpaste and shipping, then place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.***

***Also include another \$1.00 for shipping costs to get it to areas of need.***

Thank you from your United Methodist Women



## Chix with Sticks

Kids of all ages 7-99 are welcome to join the Chix for some summer knitting and crocheting. We will provide needles, hooks, yarn, right hand knitting, left hand knitting, and crocheting! If you have supplies at home you may bring them, but we will have plenty for all! The **FREE** classes are open to all, church or non church attendees. Come to the Kagawa room *June 10, 17, and 24, from 10-12*. Get the kids started into something they can enjoy all summer long while being quiet and creative!

# Are You Looking for Opportunities to Volunteer?

**We are looking for two additional *Ushers*  
We'll ask you to work one Sunday per month**

***Home Visitors* – You may choose who you visit and when**

***Communion Preparers* – One of our long term preparers is ill  
and one of them would love some help.**

**We would also like a person to be on stand by to help when needed.**

***Teachers* to help with the children and *Adult Group Leaders***

***Earthquake Workers* to help UMCOR with their work**

***Hosts and Greeters* – for those of you who are friendly and inviting  
\*This group also needs a coordinator to make schedules**

***Van Drivers*- You'll be asked to drive once a month**

***Circles Initiative Allies* – Our first group is ready to graduate to  
the next phase. We need two allies for each family. We need you  
as soon as possible!**

**Please call the church office with your questions or to volunteer.  
We'll be grateful for your service, you will make new friends,  
and we can pretty much assure you that volunteering  
will give you the warm fuzzies!**



### **Labyrinth News**

Since Burke is moving on to other responsibilities, we no longer have leadership for the Friday noon guided labyrinth walks. The last one will be May 29, 2015. However, the labyrinth courtyard continues to be available any time the building is open for private meditation and reflection. Check in at the church office for directions and more information.



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**Our Mission Statement** is to build a loving community inviting people into relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Sunday Traditional Worship Service: 9:30 am**  
**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 from 1-3 pm in our Bonner Building

To make an online pledge or donation go to [www.napaumc.org/onlinegiving.shtml](http://www.napaumc.org/onlinegiving.shtml)



Pastor: *Rev. Lee Neish*                      Lay Leaders: *Barbara Thompson & Mark Andersen*  
Lay Speaker: *Michael Herzog*                      Office Manager: *Dianne Mahler*  
Director of Music: *Jan Lanterman*                      Organist: *Harold Julander*  
Director of Cathedral Choir: *Jan Lanterman*      Director of Bonner Bells: *Diane Levorsen*  
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***Please worship with us there each Sunday morning.***

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