

# *THE GRAPEVINE*

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**The month of September will bring a  
Sermon Series based on the Book of Revelation.  
Finally, maybe we'll be able to discern what this book  
in the Bible is trying to say to us in this day and age.**

*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!*

## **Here Is Some *Really* Good News!**

If you've had an opportunity to come to the church recently, you will have noticed that we are very close to completing the work to repair and stabilize our church. The Pullman contractors expect to be finished with their part by Labor Day but there is still plenty of work to be done after that. This is where ***YOU*** come in. We now have many opportunities for you to help out and we hope you will want to do just that. Many of these areas have needed cleaning, purging, organizing for a long time and this is a good time to do it. Following are just a few of the many opportunities:

- Pew re-installation – three available dates to volunteer – 9/12, 10/3, 10/10 from 9-2 pm We'll feed you lunch! Troop 2 will be available to help us lift and carry. Your job will mostly be to install or clean. Please get in touch with Gary Neal at 479-8520 or email him at [garynealdds@gmail.com](mailto:garynealdds@gmail.com)
- Kitchen committee – for those of you who use the Fellowship kitchen here is your opportunity to organize, purge, add what you need
- Library committee – The book shelves have all been re-installed and are nearly ready to receive books. Our Librarian is Stephnia Pramuk and she may have specific needs or instructions about how she wants this done.
- We're working on a schedule for the organ installation with Newton Organ. Once this happens we will need people to help clean and purge the rooms where the pipes are stored.
- Groom's Room/Third Entryway to Sanctuary – We would like to return this room to its original purpose of a welcoming entryway but it needs to be cleaned out of all the "stuff" that is stored in there.
- Bonner Building – It's time to purge and live more simply. If you use these rooms please consider how you might help.

As you can see, we are hoping that the people who use the rooms in the church will have a say in what happens to them. We would like to eliminate all unusable items. Part of our problem at our church is storage space. If we can purge, we will have more room to store what we need and what we actually use. It is our hope that this will be another healing opportunity for us in our recovery from the earthquake. Please let us know how you may be able to help. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.



***Fun & Fellowship – All Church Picnic  
Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Fuller Park  
Please bring a dish to share and a chair  
If you're unable to bring food or a chair, please come anyway.  
There will be plenty!***

## Builders and the New Addition

It's back to school, Builders, and our opening day is Saturday, Sept.12 from Noon to 2 pm in the Kagawa Room. We will begin the new year with a potluck lunch or have your \$5.00 meal ticket ready to pay the cafeteria lady. Some of you have moved from a different decade of the 50's to 60's, and 60's to 70's, etc. but we have classrooms available for all! We don't have overcrowding. Our first assignment will be to share about your 2015 best summer experience. You can orally share or write in cursive, journal style, to participate in the first day of Builders. Please leave all electronics at the contractor's desk as you arrive and pick up at the end of class. Let's get the Builders off to a great year by building faith, fellowship and family!

Can't wait to greet you,  
Your head contractor and teacher,  
Kay Neal, 224-8491, 479-8576



## WELCOME ABOARD the GRAPE Express!!!

I am pleased and so blessed to announce that G.R.A.P.E. Express at 11:00 has a new leader. Susan Sanderson has volunteered to lead the 11:00 G.R.A.P.E. Express time. Sue is a wonderful addition to our G.R.A.P.E. Express team. She will be developing her own curriculum so that the children who are “double-dippers” will have a lesson at 11:00 that is different from the one at 9:30.



This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

**Hello, Acolytes & Families,**

**SAVE THE DATE: September 13th** While you're getting organized for the start of school, take a moment to mark the above date on your calendars. Early in that Sunday's 9:30 am worship service, we'll present a Recognition of Acolytes. Please make it a priority to be there. If you definitely cannot, please call me at 707-260-5261.

All children in church that day will be asked to attend and take part in the recognition before going to Children's Worship. Those in the appropriate age or school grade range will also be invited to an acolyte orientation and training session. That will be scheduled for October or November when it's safe for us to be in the sanctuary at 625 Randolph Street. We will ask you as Senior Acolytes to be there and assist, as some of you have done so effectively in the past. I'm told we might have five or more trainees.

Meanwhile, some of you may have thought about moving on from acolyting to other opportunities to serve God and community. If that applies to you, please call to let me know. Then when we resume having acolytes light candles in weekly worship services, I'll be able to call on those who intend to be available on a regular basis. If you wish to "retire," we'll want to honor your advancement to Acolyte Emeritus on **September 13**.

Please note that at this time I don't have a regular internet connection, thus am not routinely using email. I anticipate that will change later this month, and will let you know when it does. Would love to hear from you by phone! You may also [email the church office](#) and they will give the message to me.

Blessings, Kathryn



**We Welcome Our New Employee, *Brooke Eikenberry!***

Brooke has been hired to be our Communications/Membership Specialist. She will work part-time and has a temporary office at the front desk in the main office however she will move upstairs once we are able to come back to the church. Brooke hopes to improve all communication aspects in the church as well as using our CMS system more effectively than we have in the past. Brooke is married to Austin and has two children, Isaac and Mira. The family is involved with the Fusion worship team. Please be sure to stop by and say hello so Brooke can get to know you better.

**The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism & Community**  
**Friday, September 18**  
**7-9pm**  
**Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists**  
**1625 Salvador Ave. Napa**

The Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists Social Justice Committee will be presenting a **Social Justice Film Series**. There will be time for discussion after each film. The films will be shown the 3rd Friday of each month from 7-9 pm at 1625 Salvador Ave. Napa. The series will begin in September. The first three films are listed below.

September 18: "Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism & Community" (56 minutes)

October 16: "Inequality for All" (89 minutes)

November 20: "Clean Bin Project" (77 minutes)

We would like to encourage all environmentalists and social justice activists in Napa Valley to attend. There is no fee, but donations will be appreciated to cover the cost of the film. There will be DVD's of the movie for sale for people to show in their homes.

**Information on the first film, Wisdom to Survive**

Climate change is here. Will we have the wisdom to survive? The film features thoughtful leaders and activists in the realms of science, economics and spirituality discussing how we can evolve and take action in the face of climate disruption. The film includes interviews with activists Bill McKibben, Joanna Macy, Roger Payne, Herschelle Milford, Quincy Saul, and more.

*"Please SEE THIS FILM—take it to your community, talk about it, share it with others. One of the most artfully-rendered films on the planet's crisis (and how we move through it) I have ever seen. Extraordinarily moving."*

—Shyla Nelson, One Earth One Voice Campaign

*"Marvelous and moving. Beautiful work."*

—Fran Korten, Yes! Magazine

*"Phenomenal. I firmly believe that it will serve to catalyze necessary spiritual, social, and intellectual transformations, and hasten global progress in building a sustainable world."*— Jamie Konopacky, Representative for Sustainable Development, US Baha'i Office of Public Affairs

**All are welcome to attend.**

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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**

Adult Bible Study Group—10:45 am—Young Adult Room, S-d A Church  
GRAPE Express—3 years through 5th grade—9:30 & 11:00 S-d A Church  
Youth Group is on Summer Schedule – Look for the next great summer event!

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Pastor: *Rev. Lee Neish*

Lay Speaker: *Michael Herzog*

Director of Music: *Jan Lanterman*

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Office Manager: *Dianne Mahler*

Organist: *Harold Julander*

Director of Bonner Bells: *Diane Levorsen*

Director of Fusion Worship: *JoAnne Neish*

Since the earthquake we worship at the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Brown and G Sts.

***Please worship with us there each Sunday morning.***

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