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Save the Date!

We'll be home on Nov. 22nd

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!

Coming Home!

*One Great Morning of Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 22nd, 9:30 am
625 Randolph Street, Napa, CA 94559*

After a 15 month wait, we're finally coming home! For many of us, 625 Randolph Street is our second home. It may not be where we sleep, but it is our spiritual home. We broke bread there, got married there, saw our children grow up and also attended many memorial services for friends and family. On the morning of August 24, 2014, we didn't know if we would ever worship there again.

It is with great anticipation that we will celebrate our homecoming on Sunday morning, November 22 at 9:30 am. The service will be a grand celebration combining both the 9:30 and 11:00 am worship teams. Many VIPs are invited from near and far to celebrate with us, and we will be honoring special people who helped put our beloved building back together in better condition than before the earthquake.

Please Join Us!

The Earth Rocked – We Rolled – We're Home



United Methodist Women's World

A Big Thank You to Sarah Crosby Circle for presenting a great October unit program on "Growing Strong Girls". We discussed and explored the possibility of working in some way with the No. CA Girl Scouts. So next step is to meet with the Girl Scout Representative for our area. We will be working on this goal over the next year. Please call Pat Parker at 253-7472 if you would like to join our committee.

At our unit meeting our mission project was filling the 100 school bags that the entire church contributed to this past summer and early fall. We plan to send them to UMCOR WEST in about 2 weeks. So again, thank you to the congregation for all your contributions of school supplies and sewing school bags. Your monetary donations enable us to send a check to UMCOR to buy the 250 pages of paper notebooks for each bag.

Congratulations and thank you again to Bob McIntire and Martha Niemann who received our UMW Special Mission Recognition Awards Sunday Oct 18th during the church service. Both of these humble individuals work actively behind the scenes supporting our church members in many practical and spiritual ways. Our UMW has given a gift for ministries with women, children and youth to the United Methodist Women National Office.

UMW joined with the church knitters group to give a donation to buying books for children who lost their homes in the Valley Fire. A total of \$1,400 was raised by many generous folks in the community and matched by 50% by Usborne Books and More. We were thrilled to be able to contribute to such a worthy cause for these kids.

If your phone rings and/or you receive an email with an invitation to join a small neighborhood coffee and fellowship group, please seriously consider joining. Sally Hunter, Ellen Wood and Joan Feury have organized our Napa community into about 8 neighborhoods and two women from our church in each neighborhood have offered to host the get-togethers. Our hope is that more women will "come and see" what UMW is all about and will become more acquainted with the women and neighbors who live close by. Hope to see you there!

Pat Parker, UMW President



*Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home ...*

Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom

1455 Elm Street , Napa, CA

**Following the service, there will be a time for
fellowship and pie in the Social Hall.
(Bring your favorite Thanksgiving pie to share!)**

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For more information, please call (707) 224-8693

Calling All Children!

Come join the new Children's Choir at Napa Methodist Church! All ages of children are welcome in our new Carol Choir! Parents/caregivers are asked to accompany your child if under 5 years old.

Our first Carol Choir rehearsal will be Sunday, November 1. Our joyful choir will meet between worship services on Sundays from 10:30-11 a.m. in the last room on the left just off of the Fireside Room at the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Carol Choir will be under the direction of Patty Bilhartz, MD. Patty is a physician with a local private practice in Women's Health. She recently moved to Napa and joined our church in April. Patty holds a MA in Music and served as Director of Children's and Handbell Choirs at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, TX for 20 years. She hosts a weekly blog on her website at www.pattybilhartz.com.

Patty is looking for a few helpers for the choir. If you would be interesting in helping out, please email Patty at pattybilhartz@hotmail.com.

The Carol Choir will be singing for the first time at the Christmas Eve Family service. Come and join the fun as we sing and make melody with each other in thanks to a great God!



***All Napa Faith Communities - You Are Invited
All Adults and Youth are Invited to Join***

***Prayer and Study Group
In Response to Pope Francis' New Encyclical on Ecology On
Care For Our Common Home***

***Wednesday, November 4th – 6:30 to 7:45 pm
Parish Hall at 924 Napa St.***

“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.”

“Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us.”

Deacon Stan Thompson-Short will

Acolyte Team News

Wictionary tells me that a Latin source of the word **candle** is *candela*, from *candeo* which means “**I am white, bright, shining.**” That phrase fits my picture of our Acolytes carrying in the Light of Christ and, at the close of worship, carrying it out to the world. Beginning on November 22, they will return to light the communion table candles at each Sunday's 9:30 AM traditional worship service.

We currently have eleven Senior Acolytes: Alyssa Ernst, Kayley Ernst, Kaley Lewis, Lydia Mitchell, DJ Quick, Lizzie Quick, Parker Rutherford, Nathan Schwarze, Caroline Simpkins, Will Tokar, and Shayley Zaccone. Natalie Schiefferly has now advanced to Acolyte Emeritus. Others may soon join her at that level, having served for as many as five years.

Being away from our home sanctuary, we haven't added any new Acolytes since May-June 2014. Now, several young people in our congregation are candidates for training. They'll have that opportunity on Sunday, November 15, meeting with Senior Acolytes for an early lunch (pizza, of course) in the Fellowship Hall at 625 Randolph. The dividing wall will be raised for a good view into the sanctuary with communion table and candles in place. We'll talk about why and how we do this ritual as part of the Napa Methodist traditional service. Then the Senior Acolytes will walk the Trainees through the process, show them what to do, let them practice doing it, and help answer their questions.

Parents, grandparents and guardians of Trainee candidates, please bear in mind that Acolytes are generally expected to be available for service at least one Sunday each month. If your child takes part in GRAPE Express, this would normally mean missing several minutes at the beginning and end of that Sunday's children's worship.

You're invited to bring your third, fourth and fifth-graders to this event on November 15 as close as possible to 11:00 AM. Siblings are welcome to join us for lunch. All available Senior and Emeritus Acolytes of any age are invited to take part (bringing their siblings and adults as appropriate).

For the adults accompanying Trainee candidates, I will provide informative printed materials. Please be prepared to fill out a profile form regarding your child. We expect that some candidates won't be available on November 15, so there will likely be another training session in early 2016.

– Kathryn Tolman, Acolyte Coordinator

RSVP no later than November 8
via email kmtolman41@att.net or mobile phone 707-260-5261

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 Event – Look for the next great event!

To make an online pledge or donation go to www.napamethodist.org/online-giving-2/



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*
Director of Children's Ministries: *Vicki Poli* Director of Fusion Worship: *JoAnne Neish*
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Please worship with us there each Sunday morning.

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