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"Know Christ

Make Christ Known

Live Christ's Love"

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Turning Over a New Leaf

Dear Friends,

We are now beginning the second month of 2018. Time is flying by.

February 14, 2018 we begin our Lenten journey leading to Easter on April 1, 2018. Easter this year (Easter any year) is NO April fools joke.

The Church and we as individuals are being transformed by God's Grace. Many people do not like to change but we are called to follow Jesus which requires a change or transformation. Many people are afraid of change (transformation) because of the unknown. God continues to challenge us to be changed (transformed) so we can learn to Trust God and not fear.

The most potent antidote to fear is our faith in God. Scottish writer Ralph Turnbull years ago told a harrowing story that took place during World War I.

After the Armistice of 1918, a destroyer carried the British prime minister, Lloyd George, from France to England. The weather during that crossing was frightful, and when they reached Dover the conditions were so bad, even in the harbor, that they could not get alongside the docks. So they sent for a small motorboat called a launch to carry the Prime Minister to the shore. The only problem was how to get him from the destroyer to the launch. The destroyer was rolling alarmingly, and there was a danger of having him fall into the sea.

What they did was to station five men on the launch. The prime minister was led to the gangway, and the officer in charge told him that at the word "Go" he was to step forward and release his hold. So he waited. The ship rolled down the next swell until the upper edge of the side of the boat was almost submerged.



When the ship had reached the limit of her roll, the officer shouted, "Go!" and the prime minister stepped forward and let go. He fell directly into the small boat below and was caught as neatly and as surely as if he were a baseball in a centerfielder's hand. He was safe because he trusted the officer's word.

I can't imagine a more perfect picture of faith than that. It means letting go and trusting ourselves completely to the promises of God.

Paradise United Methodist Church has been in a constant change the 3 ½ years I've been here. Key people have died. Others have moved closer to be near family, new people have joined us bringing their ideas, the facility requires on going maintenance, and our world is different. Yet, God continues to keep us relevant, if we will listen and change, reaching out to people of Paradise and the world.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the great Christians of the twentieth century, put it like this: "I see that I am inwardly fashioned for faith and not for fear. Fear is not my native land, faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life. Faith is oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear and doubt and anxiety. In anxiety and worry my being is gasping for breath. These are not my native air . . . We do not know why it is that worriers die sooner than non-worriers. But that is a fact. But I who am simple of mind think I know," writes E. Stanley Jones. "We are inwardly constructed in nerve and tissue and brain cell and soul for faith and not fear. God made us that way. To live by worry is to live against reality."

Paradise United Methodist Church needs to change, do not fear. We need to increase our financial giving, enabling us to pay our apportionments. We need to increase membership, young and old. We need to increase educational opportunities, people willing to teach. We need more people willing to reach out to people hurting. How can you help with these opportunities? Are you listening? DO NOT FEAR! Step forward and accept the challenge.

Take time this lenten season for God. Listening to what God would have you do and become. Then proceed by trusting, believing, and having an Active Faith in God allowing yourself to be transformed, transforming the world.

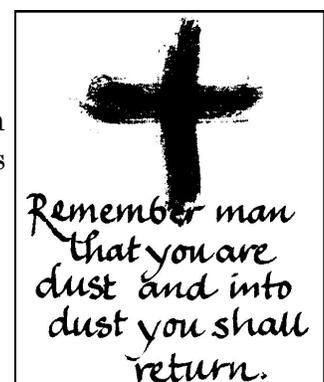
In Christ's service,

Pastor Bob

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Pastor Bob will be at the church from 7:30-8:00am for those who wish to have the Imposition of Ashes done as they begin their day.

Our Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held at 7pm in the sanctuary for all who would like to attend.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday- Sunday March 25th we will have a special celebration during our 10:00am worship service remembering Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

Good Friday- On Friday March 30th we will have a Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday- Join us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! There will be a Sunrise Service as usual (Time TBA) as well as our wonderful Easter worship including the *Flowering of the Cross* at 10:00am.

Our 2nd Annual Gold Nugget Days Bean Feed

Last year's Bean Feed was such a big success, we're doing it again. The date will be Friday, April 27, and the doors to Charter Hall will be open from 4:00 until 6:30. For \$10 per adult and \$5 for those 10 years old and under, you get all-you-can-eat beans, corn bread, coleslaw, and beverages. Desserts will be available for a small additional fee. The bean options will be Miner's Chili, Baked Beans with Bacon, and Vegetarian Beans. Have a bowl of each one if you like. Charter Hall will be decorated to surround folks with a 19th century gold-miner feeling: trees, gold pans, a chuck wagon, "buildings", etc. You are invited to dress in appropriate costumes for the occasion for a little extra fun and to add to the atmosphere. Tickets will be available starting in early April. Church members will be encouraged to not only buy a ticket for themselves, but to sell tickets to their friends, too. Of course, the purchase of an advance ticket is not required. Tickets will be available at the door. We want to pack Charter Hall with people who are eating and having a really good time. Obviously, lots of volunteer workers will be needed. In addition to selling tickets, we need people to decorate, greet, serve, and clean. Think about what you'd like to help with so when Bean Feed Chairman Gary Lippincott puts out the volunteer sign-up list in April you'll know where you'd like to help. When the Dogtown Nugget was discovered in 1859, I'm sure the dirty and tired men were focused on their riches. Who thought that 150 years later folks on The Ridge would still be having fun celebrating that event?



Finance News

Finance Results for 2017

We can rejoice in the generous giving of our congregation in 2017. At the end of October we had a deficit of \$10,800. During the last two months of November and December we improved to a small deficit of \$2,475 at year end. We funded this deficit with the John Langley funds. A summary of 2017 follows, details can be found in the statement available on the bulletin board in the narthex or ask any member of the finance committee.

2017	Budget	Actual	Over/(Under)
Income	\$ 239,879	\$ 228,691	\$ (11,188)
Expenses			
Ministries	4,600	3,764	(836)
Administration	11,900	13,949	2,049
Property	57,080	57,618	538
Pastoral	114,334	114,298	(36)
Lay Staff	46,965	38,287	(8,678)
	234,879	227,916	(6,963)
Net Income Local Church	5,000	775	(4,225)
Apportionments	5,000	3,250	(1,750)
Net Income	\$ -	\$ (2,475)	\$ (2,475)

Thank you for your giving in 2017!

2018 Pledge Campaign Outcome

We completed our 2018 Pledge Campaign at the end of December. Our results were lower than we expected. In 2017, our Pledges were \$146,650 budget versus \$134,591 actual received. For 2018, total Pledges received are \$118,560. This decrease concerns the finance committee, our Financial Secretary, Peg McElroy, will be analyzing the pledge results compared to the prior year. If you intended to pledge but did not turn in your pledge card, it is not too late!

2018 Communion Sunday Special Offerings

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| February- | Community Outreach Fund | August- | Peace with Justice Sunday |
| March- | UMCOR Sunday | September- | Thanksgiving Day Meal |
| April- | UM Projects in Puerto Rico | October- | World Communion Sunday |
| May- | Church Hospitality Fund | November- | TBA |
| June- | Annual Conference Offering | December- | Help 4 People |
| July- | Sojourner's House on the Ridge (SHOR) | | |

Wood Kerr Scholarship

The PUMC Wood-Kerr Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for the school year 2018-19

The Wood-Kerr Scholarship Fund at PUMC was created by two charter members, John and Auril Wood (our own Auril Mackenzie's mother and father) as a memorial for Eva Kerr, a much-loved aunt.

Tax-deductible contributions to the Wood-Kerr Scholarship Fund are welcome, and can be given as memorial gifts or as general gifts. *Contributions cannot be given with specific award recipient specifications* (this would jeopardize our tax-exempt status).

Scholarship Criteria:

- Upper division college or graduate student (with a minimum of two years of college work completed) with an established major field of study
- Overall college GPA of 3.0 or higher

Additional information:

- Renewal scholarships are available to past scholarship recipients provided the above criteria are still met
- Membership and/or active participation at Paradise United Methodist Church is *encouraged* but *not required*

The committee awards scholarships once each year, in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, and is now accepting applications for the school year 2018-19. **The deadline for new applications is March 25**; for renewal scholarships, April 15. Scholarship recipients will be selected by May 1.

To obtain an application, e-mail Wood-Kerr Committee chair Ginny Brown at ginnyb630@gmail.com, or ask for an application in the church office.

Lunch With Us News

Our "Lunch With Us" program continues on Mondays from 12:00-1:30 pm, providing a free meal to those in the community who wouldn't have enough to eat otherwise or who want to eat with others instead of home alone. Many people put what they can in the "donation" jar, which helps with the expenses. Some other churches in town take another day of the week, so that every day but Saturday is covered currently. We are grateful to the many volunteers from our church who help keep this going, but we need another cook or two!! Al Kerr is our chief cook most of the time, with a group from California Vocations now covering the fourth Monday of the month. If you can prepare a meal for 80-100 people one Monday a month – or at least help Al with the preparations -- please see Al Kerr or Mary Shallenberger. We always welcome new volunteers!!

Soul Sisters

Feb 16th, 2pm in the Fireside Room

Game Day & finalizing plans for March

Bring a cup for coffee & tea that will be provided

Mar 16th, Chico Arts Center and Lunch Out. *(Time will be finalized at the February meeting)*

April meeting will be a visit to Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary. *(Details TBA)*

For more information call or email Selma Lippincott 877-3567 gtlip@aol.com

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch this month will take place on Wednesday, February 28th. As always, we'll have lunch in Charter Hall promptly at Noon, follow with our speaker, and finish around 1:30. \$5.00 to pay for the meal is requested; just drop your money in the basket as you arrive. If you bring your own plates and utensils, it makes things easier for the kitchen. But that's not required.

The Menu: Sliced Ham, Sweet and Sour Beans, Buttered Carrots, Coleslaw, and (yum) Apple Strudel.

Our presenter is someone that several of you know: Georgie Summers. Georgie's husband was pastor at PUMC from 1974 to 1983. She'll be talking about Single-payer Insurance. Single-payer national health insurance is a system in which a single public or quasi-public agency organizes health care financing. (Alternatively, a multi-payer healthcare system is one in which private individuals or their employers pay for health insurance with various limits on healthcare coverage via multiple private or public sources.) Georgie isn't selling anything; she'll just be giving us information. There has been so much discussion about what health care system is the best and a lot of confusion about different options. Georgie's talk should help us understand this option.

Come enjoy the fellowship and the food and get a little education, too. A sign-up list is on the table in the Narthex. Please add your name to the list if you plan to attend so Peg and Bob McElroy know how many meals to prepare. Your friends are welcome to come, too. Feel free to invite them to join you

Looking further ahead: March's Lunch Bunch.

The date will be March 28. Our program will be about Personal Medical Alert Systems. You've all seen the commercials. "Help, I've fallen and I can't get up."

There are many medical alert options on the market. Our Feather River Hospital offers the LifeLine Medical Alert System. Our speaker will be a hospital volunteer who works with LifeLine. However, this won't be a sales presentation so much as information about what these systems offer in the way of security and safety. There are people in our community who would benefit from having a personal alert system, but they don't know enough about them to understand the options in service and pricing. Too many folks wait until they fall and wind up in the hospital; then they decide to get a unit.

Personal alert systems are worn or carried in a pocket or purse so the alert button is always accessible. Many alert companies offer services far beyond the "I've fallen" aspect. Immediate access to medical advice, call a family member or neighbor to come to your aid, send an ambulance to you, an alert that will go out if you are unconscious and can't push your alert button. These alert systems save lives and also help make individuals, families, and friends feel more secure.

Schedule of Events

- Every Monday
Lunch With Us 11:45-1:15p
- Every Thursday
Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- Feb 8th
Carecorp Meeting at
10:30am in Fireside Room
- Feb 14th
Ash Wednesday Service
at 7:00pm in Sanctuary
- Feb 16th
Soul Sisters at 2:00pm in
the Fireside Room
- Feb 19th
Tech Team Meeting at
6:30pm in the office
- Feb 28th / Lunch Bunch

February Birthdays

Feb 4	LaDonna Hanawalt
Feb 6	Bill Judkins
Feb 10	Cindy Peek
Feb 18	Don Loomis
Feb 19	Frank Halbe
Feb 21	Cathy Okerlund Bob Thibault
Feb 22	Katya Hendricks Karen Neil
Feb 24	Carol Stephens
Feb 27	Marijane Guth
Feb 28	David Cannon



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7p Choir	2	3
4	5 Lunch w/Us	6	7	8 10:30 Carecorp 7p Choir	9	10
11	12 Lunch w/Us	13	14 7p Ash Wed	15 7p Choir	16 2p Soul Sisters	17
18	19 Lunch w/Us 6:30 TechTeam	20	21	22 7p Choir	23	24
25	26 Lunch w/Us	27	28 12 Lunch Bunch			

March Birthdays

Mar 2 Doris Bardon
Gary Glotfelty
Mar 3 Theresa Sorg
Marilyn Woody
Mar 7 Duane Barr
Dixie Helberg
Mar 9 Taylor Mundy
Mar 17 Jessie Walls
Mar 19 Nancy Judkins
Mar 20 Kay Keen
Mar 23 Gayle Wakefield
Mar 28 Taylor Christy
Mar 31 Lori Rounds



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- Every Monday
Lunch With Us 11:45-1:15p
- Every Thursday
Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- Mar 8th
Carecorp at 10:30am
In the Fireside Room
- Mar 13th
Trustees Meeting at
6:30pm in Fireside Room
- Mar 14th
Worship Team Mtg. at
6:30pm in Fireside Room
- Mar 16th
Soul Sisters lunch out and
Chico Arts Center TBA
- Mar 25th / Palm Sunday
- Mar 28th
Lunch Bunch meets in
Charter Hall at 12pm
- Mar 30th / Good Friday
Tenebrae Service will be at
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7p Choir	2	3
4	5 Lunch w/Us	6	7	8 10:30 Carecorp 7p Choir	9	10
11	12 Lunch w/Us	13 6:30 Trustees	14 6:30 Worship	15 7p Choir	16 Soul Sisters Time-TBA	17
18	19 Lunch w/Us	20	21	22 7p Choir	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26 Lunch w/Us	27	28	29 7p Choir	30 7pm Good Friday Service	31

April Birthdays

Apr 1 Linda Bermann
 Winona Brummet
 Apr 6 Linda Irvine
 Apr 7 Cindy Bell
 Apr 8 Donna Jackson
 Apr 9 Steve Hanawalt
 Apr 10 Lotus Speer
 Apr 13 Patty Wall
 Apr 15 Rebecca Christy
 Apr 20 Erik Thesenvitz
 Apr 21 Bob Chicou
 Bonnie Falcon
 Apr 23 Ellis Harms
 Apr 25 Daisy McCray
 Apr 30 TJ McCray

Schedule of Events

- Every Monday
 Lunch With Us 11:45-1:15p
- Every Thursday
 Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- April 9th
 SPRC meets at 6:30pm
 In the Fireside Room
- Apr 12th
 Carecorp meeting 10:30am
 In the Fireside Room
- Apr 17th
 Finance Meeting at
 6:30pm in Fireside Room
- Apr 25th
 Lunch Bunch meets 12pm
 In Charter Hall
- Apr 25th
 Church Council Mtg. at
 6:30pm in Fireside Room
- Apr 27th
 Gold Nugget Days
 Bean Feed Fundraiser
 Charter Hall 4-6:30pm

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	2 Lunch w/Us	3	4	5 7p Choir	6	7
8	9 Lunch w/Us 6:30 SPRC	10	11	12 10:30 Carecorp 7p Choir	13	14
15	16 Lunch w/Us	17 6:30 Finance	18	19 7p Choir	20	21
22	23 Lunch w/Us	24	25 12Lunch Bunch 6:30 C. Council	26 7p Choir	27 Bean Feed Fundraiser	28
29	30					