

THE WILLOW WORD

God's Family Growing Through Caring, Sharing and Serving



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Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time

Official Church Calendar:
www.tinyurl.com/wgumc-calendar

Easter Thanks

A big thank you to Kristen Brown for another beautiful season in worship. For Palm Sunday, she asked for palms on Next Door, cut them and put them up herself. She also bought the flowers and decorated the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Also to Bob Hunt who donated a laptop computer for use in worship only to have it stolen when the sanctuary doors were left open. As soon as he found out about the theft, he spent several hours replacing the computer and setting it up just in time for Easter Sunday! And we continue to be grateful for Tom Grubb and Curt Moore who are keeping the library AV system going until the lift replacement is complete.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

On May 5, we will have Rev. Cindy McCalmont as a guest preacher to talk to us about the intersections of spiritual and mental health. Cindy is a United Methodist pastor from the Iowa Conference who now lives in San Jose and works with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She will be available for further discussion and resources following the worship service.



43:19 Methodists Moving Forward

Almaden Hills, Cambrian Park, Los Gatos and Willow Glen UMC's are doing a new thing. The pastors and some lay representatives from all four churches are meeting on May 20th to assess each other's ministries. Since three of our churches are already doing a joint youth ministry, we want to explore what else we can do better together. Since we share many of the same goals and challenges, we are excited to discover how we can also share in spreading the Good News in our part of the South Bay. Willow Glen's representatives are Tom Grubb and Leslie Fisk. Thanks to Tom's suggestion, we have chosen for our anchor verse (and group name) Isaiah 43:19: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." On the national level, the United Methodist Church has entered the wilderness and doesn't know where it is going. On the local level, we know that God chooses the wilderness to bring new direction and new purpose to God's people. Our four churches are about to embark on a wilderness adventure and we are confident that God is going with us. Stay tuned.

Design Our New Church Sign - \$50 Prize!

Design our new WGUM Church sign. Logos and words the sign must include: *Willow Glen United Methodist Church; A Reconciling Congregation; All Are Welcome; and 10:00am Sunday Service.* Find out more details at: tinyurl.com/wgumc-sign-contest. Please email pdf entries to Pastor Rebecca at: rebecca@wgumc.org by **May 12**.



Donate Your Extra Doors

Do you have extra doors you can donate to the church for a new outdoor "All Are Welcome" installation? Contact Lara Brock at larabrock33@hotmail.com for more information on how to donate.

Please Fill Out the Vision Team’s Online Survey or pick up a paper copy at church on Sunday

WGUMC's Vision Team believes that it takes a whole congregation to listen and respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit, so they have put together a survey to listen to you. We want your feedback on the current ministries of the church and your thoughts about emerging needs in our congregation and community. By filling out this online survey, you will be helping your church meet the challenges of a rapidly-changing world. Please click on the link below and it will take you to the online survey form. We hope that you are having a holy Lent and that you will send us your comments before Easter. Bless you! survey.wgumc.org



Report from your Finance Team



Last month we reported that our giving was down by 20% compared to last year, but we are pleased to say we did much better in March, exceeding our monthly budget for the first time this year! Thank you! Unfortunately, our overall financial position is still a little negative for the year. So if you received a tax refund and would like to send a little of that to the Church we could definitely use it. Otherwise, please make sure your giving is up to date and we will continue to keep our expenses as low as possible. Thank you for your faithfulness! God is good! – *Your Finance Team*

You can update your electronic pledge anytime at give.wgumc.org



Pictures from Holy Humor Sunday



Pastor Rebecca’s Peeps diorama of the Resurrection



A STATEMENT FROM THE WESTERN JURISDICTION COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

The Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church has ruled on the constitutionality of the plan known as "The Traditional Plan" that was passed at the Special Called Session of General Conference 2019 (St. Louis, Missouri). In its ruling, some of the petitions were ruled constitutional while others were ruled unconstitutional, and a petition related to a plan for churches to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church was ruled constitutional. With humble gratitude, we acknowledge the diligent and faithful work of the Judicial Council. The decision, made during the Council's April 23-26 meeting, means that less than half of the Traditional Plan will take effect in the U.S. on January 1, 2020, with Africa, Europe, and the Philippines taking effect twelve months after the next General Conference. The petition on a gracious exit goes into effect immediately. You may review the Judicial Council's Ruling No. 1378 at <http://bit.ly/JCR1378> and No. 1379 at <http://bit.ly/JCR1379>. An explanation of both rulings is available at <http://bit.ly/UMNSApr26>.

While graciously received, the intent of the Western Jurisdiction remains the same as was stated on the floor of General Conference 2019: to live in the spirit of "One Church." The Mission Cabinet and the delegations of the Western Jurisdiction endorsed the One Church Plan before the Special Session, believing it to be the best option for allowing faithful United Methodists of differing theological perspectives to be in ministry together. We believed the One Church Plan was an expression of Wesleyan values that we practice in the West. In the wake of the Judicial Council decisions, we continue our commitment to live into Beloved Community as one church in each of the conferences of the Western Jurisdiction.

Even now, efforts are underway to coalesce our plans and energy to help forge the future of our church. If you are interested and energized in assisting, we invite you to visit the Western Jurisdiction website to volunteer and join this movement. (<http://westernjurisdictionumc.org/ahomeforall>)

We commit to be true to John Wesley's tradition of the entire world being our parish. We will continue to relate with one in another in such a way that all people may find our United Methodist Church to be their spiritual home. We will remain united in our determination to make our Jurisdiction a home for all.

Next month, on May 17-18 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and May 20-22 in Leawood, Kansas, persons of courage and faith from the Western Jurisdiction will participate in discussions that are happening and are connecting with representatives from Conferences around the world about the next steps for our Church. Those discussions will continue as annual conferences convene this summer and when our Western Jurisdiction leadership gathers in the fall.

The ruling by our Judicial Council will spark new discussions in our churches and in our Annual Conferences and across the connection. We anticipate that difficult decisions will take place during General Conference 2020. Thus, the road ahead may feel like a wilderness. But we, your bishops, are prayerfully in conversation in many places, with many individuals and groups about your hopes and your vision for being church in this challenging time. We remain committed to ministry as one church for all and we ask for your prayers for the church and for the future of the love and grace as we travel this road together, not knowing where it will lead us, yet, but confident in God's presence with us.

Faithfully,
The Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church

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Women's Groups

United Methodist Women is open to all women regardless of church membership. Please call the contact listed below for information.

Heart & Hands

First Thursday
7 p.m. in Woodhaven
Pastor Susan Smith

Friendship Circle

Third Wednesday
12:30 p.m. in
Woodhaven
Sue Johnson &
Ruth Granfors

For more information, call Patricia Madsen at 408-289-1989.

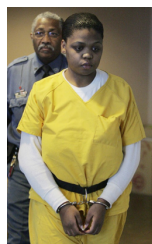
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS:

Lifted Spirits Lunch is Wednesday, May 1

On May 1, ladies from the local United Methodist Women will prepare and deliver a lunch for about 40 very appreciative folks at the 4th Street Presbyterian Church. Due to the closeness of Cinco de Mayo we will serve a menu appropriate for the holiday. If you would like to help prepare the food or help serve contact Gwynne Grubb or Patricia Madsen. Donations to help cover the expenses are always appreciated.



Saturday, May 4 - UMW Social Action Event



California Nevada Conference United Methodist Women will host a Social Action Event : School to Prison Pipeline on Saturday May 4, 2019 at UMC Sacramento, 2100 "J" Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 8:30 am with registration and refreshments. Event starts at 9 am.

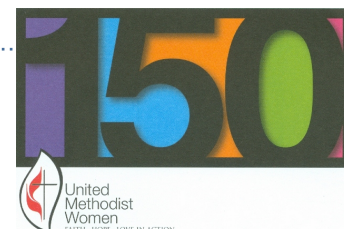
Registration with lunch is \$20.00. Without lunch is \$10.00. Mail registration to Belinda Robertson, 163 Beverly Street, San Francisco CA 94132. Or email her at bfconsulting@gmail.com.

Speakers include Dr Charles D Tinsley, Director of the "Getting Out of Dodge" Ministry, and Sammy Nunez, chair First Families San Joaquin.

Contact Carmen McBride or Ruth Granfors for further information from our local group at Willow Glen.

UMW Legacy Fund

The local Willow Glen United Methodist Church unit of the United Methodist women recently celebrated 150 years of their existence. It started with eight women sending two other ladies as missionaries to help educate other women and children and aide with other women's health.



The organization is now one of the largest charities in the world. In honor of 150 years, it was decided to establish a Legacy Fund of \$60 million to serve as a platform for United Methodist women in the future. Each member is asked to donate \$18.69 for five years towards that goal. The Legacy fund proceeds will be directed to programs, projects and grants that equip United Methodist women to grow in faith and come together in effective action with women around the world to become leaders and agents of change in their individual lives, the lives of their families, households, work settings and communities.

If you haven't contributed your donation, there's still time to give to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. You are part of bringing the vision of our foremothers forward. Through turning faith, hope and love into action, UMW will continue in compassionate service and passionate advocacy with women children and youth in the next 150 years. Send your donation of \$18.69 (or more) to: United Methodist Women, National Office, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, ATTN: LEGACY, New York, NY 10115. You can contact the Legacy Fund at 212-870-3705 or legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org

United Methodist Women 2019 Calendar

- May 4 CA/NV UMW Social Action Event at the Event Conference Center in West Sacramento
- May 4-5 CA/NV Conference UMW Team Meeting with District Counterparts
- June 1 El Camino Real District Social Action Event (Location to be determined)



May Dates



We are at Cambrian Park UMC -
1919 Gunston Way, 95124

Wed May 1, 6:00 - 8:00pm: Last Guys
& Girls Night

Wed May 5

1:00 - 4:00pm: Leadership Team Activity
5:00 - 7:00pm: JYM with small groups
7:00 - 8:00pm: South Dakota Trip participant meeting

Tues May 7, 7:00am: Last Hole-y Club at AHUMC

Wed May 8, 6:00 - 8:00pm: Last BYOB group

Sat May 11, 11:00m - 4:30pm: Stanford PowWow

Wed May 15, 6:00 - 8:00pm: Final Feed the Need

Sun May 19, 5:00 7:00pm: JYM With Small Groups

Wed May 22 6:00 - 8:00pm: Leadership team meeting

Fri May 24 - Sat May 25: Lock-In for 6th - 12th grade
students!!!!

Mon May 27, 6:00 - 7:30pm: Final education opportunity
for Next Step trip participants

High School Mission Trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota

June 14-23 for Current 9th-12th Graders

When: We will begin our drive June 14th at 7am and return
sometime on June 23rd.

Where: Staying at churches/hotels on the way up and down in
various cities/states but spending our days in Pine Ridge, South
Dakota at the facility Next Step lives at for the summer.

Cost- \$1050- This includes transportation, food, rental cars, gas,
mission trip payment to Next Step, activities, shirts and much
more.

The JYM can pay up to half for students trip if needed for each
student attending. Every hour a student and parent volunteers at
upcoming fundraising events counts as \$10 off your trip. If you
need more help financially with the trip we can work that out
also. We have never needed to turn someone away for lack of
finances and we don't want to do that for this trip either. Please
talk with us. We want this opportunity for your student and for
our JYM family.

Deposit of \$300 was due March 3.

Students joining us on the trip are required to attend two of the
four education nights offered to better prepare us for our time in
South Dakota.

You can sign up for the trip today with this [link](#) and pay your
deposit by March 3rd. We have 2 spots available.

Junior High Camp at Hartland Christian Camp from July 7-12

Current Junior High Students - Join us for an amazing week! We
will travel to Hartland Christian Camp located in Badger, CA
(Near King's Canyon National Park). Hartland has amazing
opportunities for students, such as high ropes activities, paint
ball, swimming pool, canoes, crafts and crazy games! They also
have a strong focus on Jesus and student faith development.
Hartland is also a great place for students to create friendships
with fellow JYM students, and learn to trust their cabin leaders,
as well as Lisa & Kat. I hope you will join us!

Who: Current 6th - 8th grade students

When: July 7th at 8:00am - July 12th at 2:30pm

Where: Hartland Christian Camp [http://
www.hartlandcamp.com/programs/jr-high-summer-
camp#overview](http://www.hartlandcamp.com/programs/jr-high-summer-camp#overview)

Why: Because it is awesome! And the best way for
students to get to know each other better and create
lasting bonds.

Cost: \$575 - financial aid is available!

First Deposit of \$25 is due upon sign-up, Second
deposit of \$250 is due April 28th, Final Deposit of \$300
is due June 9th. You can turn in your volunteer hours as
payment with one or both deposits. If you drive to or

from camp we can deduct those hours from your student's trip
cost.

[CAMP SIGN UP](#)

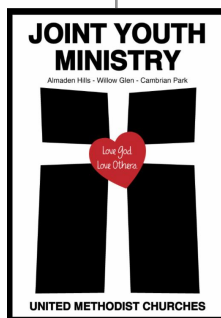
You can always find out what's happening with the JYM by
visiting our website: <http://www.jointyouthgroup.com/>

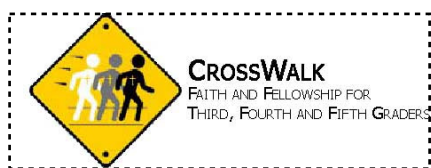
Our contact info:

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Leigh - leigh3cyouth@gmail.com





Friday, May 17
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Wesley Room & Kohlstedt Hall

CrossWalk will meet on **Friday, May 17** to welcome our newest members - next year's third graders. We will introduce ourselves and get ready for another year of growing together in faith, all while having some crazy CrossWalk fun!

CrossWalk is for all third, fourth and fifth graders. Bring a friend!

Believing that Jesus Lives!



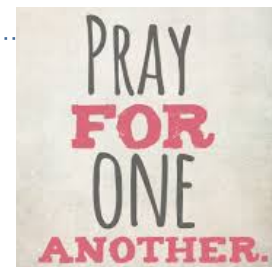
After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples several times. While they didn't always recognize him immediately, once they did, his appearances helped them understand and believe the resurrection. We are all on a journey to recognize Christ in our lives. Beginning April 28, we will be hearing the post-Resurrection appearance stories in Sunday School. Children will recognize that Jesus is alive, even today, and discover ways to be in relationship with Him. Learning together is fun! Come, join us!

The deadline for the June
Willow Word is **May 24**.
Please send your story ideas
and submissions to
Janissa.Dayrit@gmail.com

General News continued from Page 2...

Remember These Folks in your Prayers:

Sara Zwingman & Family	Russ Kintner	Women of Village House
Tom Farrow	Norm Brustrom	Yoshiko Buchanan
Jane Plane	Peggy Schlosser	Kyle Mastrolia
Dorothy Mauseth	David & Tom Forderer	Christine Ryczkowski
Lynne Hosack	Joyce Osborn	Karen Haight
Eva Fisher	Barbara DeWit	Kami Tomberlain
Mary Pierson	Alma Taylor	Lex Danson
Kay Champion	Helen Ball	Bill Peniston
Kay Dahl	Bobbie Corson	Barbara Stone
Barbara Hawkins	Jolene's sister, Jacqui	



Building Houses, Not Walls - Mexico Mission Trip 2019

For most of the past decade, members of the United Methodist Churches of Almaden Hills, Cambrian Park, and Willow Glen have led trips to Mexico to build homes for families in need. Partnering with the non-profit Amor Ministries, our teams will spend four days building two homes for working families in and around Tijuana. It is a transformative experience for both our team and the families we serve.



We are fortunate to be able to participate in a truly intergenerational trip. Our 45 volunteers, of all ages are eager to work on the homes and meet our Mexican families.

In addition to paying for our own travel, our group also pays for all of the materials needed to build the houses for two families.

This year, we are facing rising expenses which are making the trip more challenging. Our costs have increased, and we want to ensure that we CAN build two homes! To do this, we are asking for your help.

To make a donation directly towards the costs of the trip and the homes for two hard working families, please visit our fundraising site at missiontrip.wgumc.org



We would also gladly accept your sponsorship of an individual or family going on the Mexico mission trip:

- ___ Full Sponsorship (\$750 adult or \$450 child)
- ___ Half Sponsorship (\$375 adult or \$225 child)
- ___ Quarter Sponsorship (\$185 adult or \$115 child)

Or your support of the mission team with a financial donation that will help with gas, food, building materials, camp supplies and tools.

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$150 Other: _____

Checks can be made payable to Willow Glen UMC, memo: Mexico mission trip.

Thank you for being part of the 2019 Building Hope Mission Trip to Mexico!

Peggy Schlosser's
Memorial Service will be held
at Willow Glen on
Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m.
with a reception to follow in Kohlstedt Hall.

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