

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

Summer in Worship

- July 7: Guest preacher, Curt Moore.
- July 14: Tree Therapy: How trees and God can get you through anything.
- July 21: Treeology: Jesus - the Stump of Jesse and the Vine in John.
- July 30: Guest preacher, Rev. Cindy McCalmont.



Lights for Liberty Event on July 12

On **Friday July 12th, 2019, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, Lights for Liberty: A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps, will bring thousands of Americans to detention camps across the country, into the streets and into their own front yards, to protest the inhumane conditions faced by refugees. Save the date to bring a candle, a sign and your friends and join your United Methodist Church family in advocating for justice. Details of exact vigil locations will continue to be announced in the coming days. For more information check out www.lightsforliberty.org. Action will be shared via Facebook live @Lights4Liberty, Twitter @lights4liberty, Instagram lights4liberty and the hashtags #lights4liberty #dontlookaway #endusconcentrationcamps.

From Cal-Nev UMC Communications "Instant Connection" eNewsletter

A wonderful video of the highlights of this year's Annual Conference Session is available now to [watch and download](#). Edited by the talented JoAnne Neish, it includes photographs by the dedicated Cal-Nev Communications Photography Team headed by Mai Yang, along with excerpts from the live stream video.

Annual Conference

This year the theme of the Annual Conference was **WITH JESUS IN THE BOAT**

Every morning a different pastor started our day with a short sermon reflecting on being with Jesus in the boat. For me it was a very uplifting experience and interesting way to start my day.

Each morning and each afternoon a different Youth was introduced as an assistant to the Bishop. We got to see our future delegates and leaders!

For me ALL of the singing was super, heartfelt and glorious from the choirs and the congregation. Thoughts to ponder were many = some that stayed with me are = Jesus was not a christian, God does have a plan for each of us. "church" is not the only place to pray. We are all invited to be in the boat with Jesus.

The only thing that was a little frustrating for me was the way some people 'did not follow directions' for voting so there were several DO OVERS before all of the voting was completed.



While much of Annual Conference 2019 was devoted to prayer for the UMC and for the churches in our Annual Conference and the Western Jurisdiction, some of us did attend a prayer vigil on Thursday night for our ministries to the poor and marginalized throughout the world.

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I was especially pleased to see David so happy. He was able to vote and attend the section meetings. He did say that he was the only delegate in a wheel chair. He plans to work on getting more Handicap representation for next year.

Next year the conference will again meet at Doubletree in Modesto the dates have been set to accommodate those who live and work far away. The Annual Conference days will be Friday, June 12, 2020 - Monday, June 15, 2020

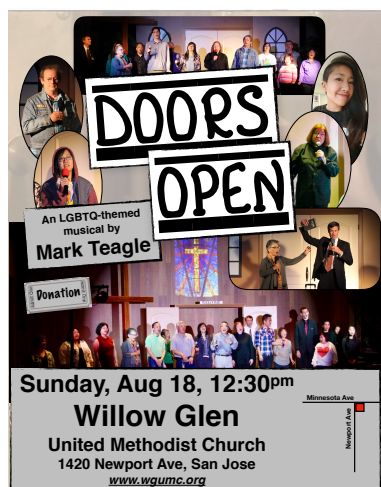
Respectfully submitted by *Patricia Madsen*

Upcoming Events for Reconciling Ministries in August

Mark your calendars! This year's Reconciling Ministries Celebration Day will be on **Sunday, August 18**. Please join us as we renew and celebrate our commitment as a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Come for an amazing service at our regular time (10:00am), and stay for a light lunch, followed by a 12:30pm performance of "Doors Open," a new musical-comedy by San Jose playwright Mark Teagle. We are very excited for this opportunity to host "Doors Open", invite your friends & neighbors!



"Doors Open" Musical comes to Willow Glen United Methodist Church Sunday, August 18



Mel stands outside his church, unable to go through the doors. His daughter Shauna just came out to him and now he's conflicted. How can he love his gay daughter and still stay true to his church? Outside those same doors stands Dee, a Lesbian wondering if she is welcome at this congregation. Joining them on stage are church members and outsiders who laugh, sing, and cry their way through this challenging conversation.

"Doors Open", a new musical by San Jose playwright Mark Teagle will be performed Sunday, August 18 at 12:30 pm at Willow Glen United Methodist Church. The play explores the lives of a small group of people, both LGBTQ and straight, who struggle with what it means to be involved in their church while loving all the people in their lives.

The musical-comedy "Doors Open" features 9 new original songs performed by a cast of 18 people based at Wesley UMC in San Jose. The show has been presented in churches in San Jose, Santa Rosa, Campbell, Modesto, and San Francisco.

Playwright/Composer Mark Teagle has written many musicals for churches and schools over the last 20 years. His works include "Epistle: God sends the Galatians a Letter", "Torah: a Musical from the Exile", "Baptizer", "Mary and Joseph 1975", "Christmas at the Mall", and many more. He serves as Director of Spiritual Formation, Community Engagement, and Music at Wesley United Methodist Church, in San Jose's Japantown Neighborhood.

Willow Glen United Methodist Church is located at 1420 Newport Ave. (at Minnesota Ave.) in San Jose. For more information, contact 408-294-9796.

Silicon Valley Pride Parade on August 24-25

The Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival will be **August 24-25**. A Night Festival is scheduled for Saturday August 24, from 4:00-11:00 p.m. The Parade and Day Festival will be on Sunday, August 25th. The Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m., and move along Market Street (running from E. Julian to E. San Fernando.) The Day Festival will be from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Festivities will take place at Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, 1 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose 95113 and will include live entertainment and food. The Reconciling United Methodist Churches of Silicon Valley will be marching in the Parade, and hosting booths at the Day Festival. Join us!



For additional information about the Parade & Festivals, visit www.svpride.com, or contact Lara Brock at larabrock33@gmail.com.

Pastoral Letter

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” Sir John Lubbock (1834-1913)

What are your plans for this summer? We are one month in already. Have you rested yet? Have you laid down on the grass under a tree to watch the clouds float across the sky? I'm afraid that if you haven't done anything intentional to slow down this summer, it will be fall before you know it. In addition to preaching a sermon series on trees, I invite you to join Ingrid for Christian meditation each Monday at Woodhaven at 12:30 or the Prayer and Study group that meets in the library at 10 am on Tuesdays. You are welcome to drop in anytime for Kaleidoscope Bible Study which meets a couple of times a month around the lunch hour at Woodhaven. And if you are adventurous, you can accompany me to walk labyrinths around the Bay Area. Sometime in July or August, I hope to get to Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve in the East Bay, Memorial Church at Stanford, and the Jesuit retreat center in Los Altos.

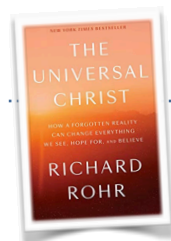


The only way you can waste your summer is if you don't "waste" any time in rest and reflection. Remember, God rested on the seventh day. I hope and pray that you have a Sabbath coming soon.

Grace and peace,
Rebecca

Thanks for getting David to Annual Conference

Thanks again to everyone who helped us get David to Annual Conference. It took official letters, phone calls and in-person advocacy, but we convinced the San Andreas Regional Center to secure paratransit and two personal aides for David in Modesto. He also has a legislative aide who reads material for him (a volunteer) but we need to cover lodging, meals and transportation for the two of them. We really appreciate your donations to help us do this. It means so much to David to be able to participate as your lay representative. You are a blessing.



Interested in a Book Club?

Richard Rohr has a new book: *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe*. Pastor Rebecca would like to gather a group to read it together starting in the second week in August. If you're interested, please let her know if Wednesday, Thursday or Friday would work and whether day time or evening is best for you.

Willowmont Parsonage repairs and upgrades

With a change of renters, the Board of Trustees are hard at work getting the church's second parsonage on Willowmont ready for new tenants. We are making needed upgrades to the bathrooms and kitchen, replacing some windows and doors, pulling up carpet, repainting and cleaning out the yard. We have some money set aside to do this work, but we welcome any donations you might be able to make. The quicker we get the work done, the sooner the house can be occupied. We have a great group of Trustees and it's all hands on deck. Thank you for your support.

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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.

GROUPS DO NOT MEET IN JULY & AUGUST

Heart & Hands
Pastor Susan Smith

Friendship Circle
Sue Johnson & Ruth Granfors

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS:

Lifted Spirits Lunch is Wednesday, July 3rd & August 7th

The members of the Willow Glen United Methodist women's group will take lunch to the Lifted Spirits ladies on **Wednesday, July 3**. The menu in keeping with the time of year that it is, will consist of hotdogs with buns, baked beans, potato salad, apple pie, bananas, cutie oranges and beverages.



As always we can use help preparing the food, delivering it to the church on fourth Street to the Presbyterian Church and all Willow Glen UMC folk are encouraged to donate towards the cost of the meal. Plan to be at the church no later than 11 o'clock. We carpool to the church on fourth Street and we arrive there in time to serve the meal at 12 noon. We are generally able to be back to WHUMC by 2 pm.

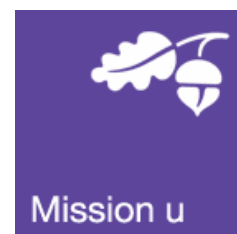
The August meal of Lifted Spirits will be delivered on **Wednesday, August 7** at the church if possible however the church has been sold and so it's always a chance that we may be delivering the food some other place. They do plan to continue this service to the women that are unhoused/housed. The menu we have used in the past consisted of Caesar chicken salad, Jell-O salad, pasta salad, peach cobbler, bananas, cuties oranges and beverages. Please let Gwyne Grubb at 408-823-7370 know if you would like to prepare one of the items for August. We prepare 40 servings of each dish.

Spring Luncheon Postponed to September

The Spring luncheon was postponed until **Wednesday, September 11**. Watch the Willow Word in September or the weekly church bulletin for more information.

Mission u 2019 -- Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

Each year Mission u is offered as an opportunity to learn about missions, develop ideas for spiritual growth programming, and social action. You can take what you learn back to your home church. This year they are having a one-day Mission u at Santa Rosa United Methodist Church. The cost is \$65 and the registration deadline is July 3. They have a three-day Mission u opportunity from August 16 through the 18th and that is in South Reno UMC in Reno Nevada. The registration deadline is July 18.



The areas of study are: spiritual growth, practicing resurrection and the study leader is Katherine Parker. The second area of study is a social issue: what about money - a faith response, the study leader is Lynette Lee. The third area: Women United for change -150 years in mission, the study leader is Rosie Kamar. The youth study this year is: Who do you say that I am, the study leader is Maya Pamar.

For more information there are forms on the UMW bulletin board in the hallway at the United Methodist Church in Willow Glen.

United Methodist Women 2019 Calendar

- August 3rd CA/NV Annual Conference Mission u Event (First UMC, Santa Rosa, CA)
- August 16-18 CA/NV Annual Conference Mission u Event (South Reno UMC, Reno NV)



Junior High Camp Update

July 7th-12th: Sugar Pine Christian Camp

[Check out this email about our JH Camp plans](#)

If your student is coming to camp with us this summer, please fill out the online paperwork from Sugar Pine as soon as possible! You should have received this info in an email from Kat. If you did not, please reach out to her ASAP.



Final Payments were due Sunday 6/9!!

Spots still available for Junior High Students. Email Katrina3cyouth@gmail.com for more info.

Sign Up Here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYBXUxsLVkOi80qe_b79DIUKJuMdNVf3_jbQTFOrZkgMI1tg/viewform

Vacation Bible Schools!

Each of our churches is hosting a vacation Bible School this summer and would love teen help. Read on to see how you can volunteer, or sign up a younger sibling!

The times are 9:00am - Noon.



Cambrian Park UMC: July 15 - 19th
Spots are still open for K - 5th participants and teen and adult volunteers! Join us for this Mr. Roger's inspired message. Register by e-mailing Grace Trout at cambrianparkumckids@gmail.com

Almaden Hills UMC: July 15 - 19th
Spots are still available for K - 5th plus adult & teen volunteers! Let's learn about the wonders of God's universe together! Email Pastor Mariellen for more info at myoshino@almadenhillsumc.org



Summer Calendar

Our summer schedule is now on our [Google calendar](#). Check out lots of ways you can be involved throughout the summer.

When we are not traveling together, we will be bringing back our popular "Hole-y Walk-a-Moles" which are 3 mile walks around Almaden Lake with a devotional time and end with a meal at Denny's.

We are also adding a BYO Bible study drop in a few times this summer with Pastor Mariellen, and hosting a video series about privilege, systemic injustice and racism for all ages. Lots of ways to grow in faith, friendship and understanding of the world.



VBS - Quest for the Ten Commandments

We're having a Quest for the Ten Commandments! We've been exploring God's rules - how they guide our walk with God and help us love one another. There have been lots of amazing sights to see and new things to do. We've even had snakes!



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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!

Remember These Folks in your Prayers:

Sara Zwingman & Family	Norm Brustrom	Christine Ryczkowski	Migrant children in detention
Tom Farrow	David & Tom Forderer	Karen Haight	Ella Gessner and Quinn
Jane Plane	Joyce Osborn	Kami Tomberlain	Abraham, newly baptized
Dorothy Mauseth	Barbara DeWit	Lex Danson	Our Mexico Mission team
Lynne Hosack	Alma Taylor	Barbara Stone	
Eva Fisher	Helen Ball	The Family of Peggy	
Mary Pierson	Bobbie Corson	Schlosser	
Kay Champion	Jolene's sister, Jacqui	Ingrid Quigley	
Kay Dahl	Village House	Refugees from Central America	
Barbara Hawkins	Yoshiko Buchanan		
Russ Kintner	Kyle Mastrolia		



Report from your Finance Team



Your Finance Team could really use your help right now. Through May our giving is down about \$13,000 from our budget and we are running a deficit even after using some of our reserve. In addition, we've recently had some large, unexpected expenses the we will need to find the funds to cover. So please make sure your pledge is up to date and if you can help by giving a little more this would be a great time to help us pay the bills. We appreciate all you do! God is good -- all the time!

~ Your Finance Team

JJ Warren to Visit Los Altos UMC on August 10

JJ Warren is a young adult leader in the UMC who gave a speech at our General Conference in February that went viral. His visit to Los Altos UMC on **Saturday, August 10 at 4:00 p.m.** is part of his [Forward Together Tour](#).

Here is the link to the RSVP for the event:
<https://tinyurl.com/jjwarren>

Here is the link to his speech from February:
<https://youtu.be/t7dMVbmHMpk>

The deadline for the September *Willow Word* is **August 23**. Please send your story ideas and submissions to Janissa.Dayrit@gmail.com

FORWARD TOGETHER
Reclaiming Our Church Through Radical Love



Join us for worship with J.J. Warren
More Information at: jjwarren.org/events
Saturday, August 10th, 4 PM
Los Altos United Methodist Church
Register at: <https://www.tinyurl.com/jjwarren>



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