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As part of an ongoing drive throughout this year to make new friends and see new faces, we are hosting a special *Worship Service* on February 26th, 2017. For **Bring a Friend to Church Sunday**, we encourage our congregation members to bring a friend or neighbor with them to church. This is also a great opportunity to invite families with children, or for your child(ren) to bring a friend. Invite your friends for a comfortable friendly welcoming *Worship Service* followed by a relaxed and fun *Fellowship Hour*. We so look forward to meeting your friends!

Spring Renewal

March 11, 2017

Calling all Disciples and UCC women!

Feeling like you could use a bit of renewal? Winter blues got you longing for the supportive presence of other women? At this time in the world, we know it is crucial for women to gather together in solidarity and in supportive love -- plan to attend so you can be part of this community.

Plan to attend our women's Spring Renewal retreat day on March 11 at Vacaville Christian Church.

All registration material is available here. You can register online or send in a paper registration.

A few basics about the day:

Who: All women

Cost: \$25 and includes breakfast snacks and lunch

Where: Vacaville Christian Church (66 Vine St., Vacaville)

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (registration opens at 8 a.m.)

Offering: Split between scholarship fund and specific ministries in Africa

Theme: "Because the Sky is the Limit" -- with speaker Ms. Coral Cogbill

Vagina Monologues!

Rescheduled for March 25, 2017

Our production of The Vagina Monologues has been rescheduled! It will take place on March 25, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Lafayette Christian Church. We need interested women to help with all aspects of the production. Contact Katy at katy@ccncn.org

Lenten Lunches 2017

The Lenten Lunches sponsored by Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Ministries are just around the corner...and there is a change for this year. The lunches will be each Wednesday at 12 noon. Our church will host the first Lenten Lunch on March 1st. Ann Edwards has graciously offered to take the lead preparing the lunch for our congregation...and certainly would welcome help. If you would like to assist with the lunch, please call Ann at 666-5227.

The schedule for the other lunches is:

March 8th—Presbyterian Church

March 15th—United Methodist Church

March 22nd—Holy Rosary

March 29th—American Lutheran

April 5th—St. John's

Friday, April 14th—St. Luke's & Second Baptist

Please note that the Lenten Lunch for Holy Week is on Friday instead of Wednesday. A Good Friday service will follow the lunch.

Prayer Vigil

Our church's annual prayer vigil is set for the first day of Lent, Wednesday, March 1st midnight to midnight in the small chapel (Arnold Hopkins Chapel) right next to the sanctuary...and there still might be a few empty slots. You can sign up to pray in the chapel for half an hour, an hour or more. Betty Bigelow has the sign-up sheet. You can reach her at 662-6277. The elders of our church sponsor the prayer vigil. If you have questions, Betty Bigelow or Larry Love will be able to provide more information.

Ash Wednesday Worship

There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 1st, 6 p.m. to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. We will read scripture, pray, meditate and receive the ashes in the sign of the cross on our foreheads. All are welcome. For more information, contact Larry Love.

Rotating Shelter Volunteers

Follow Up Meeting

The Interfaith Rotating Shelter has wrapped up its two weeks at the Woodland Presbyterian and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches and Katie Churchill has extended an invitation to all volunteers to attend a follow-up meeting on Thursday, February 23rd, 6 p.m. at the Woodland City Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Katie Churchill at katchurchill@yahoo.com. She would like accurate numbers of those attending because the city will be providing pizza.

Lenten Study Series

The six week Lenten Study Series will begin Wednesday, March 8th, 6-8 p.m. in Parker Hall. We will meet for a simple potluck dinner together at 6 p.m., do our study/discussion for about an hour and conclude our evening with a short worship.

CCNC-N Annual Gathering

The Annual Gathering of the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada is set for Friday and Saturday, April 28-29 at First Christian Church in Concord. Delegates and interested persons from our seventy churches around the region will gather for two days of worship, learning, inspiration, challenge and fellowship. There will also be a pre-event beginning at around noon on Friday. More information will be available in the very near future. Talk to Larry if you have any questions.

St. John's United Church of Christ 125th Anniversary Celebration

April 29th and 30th will be the date for the celebration of 125 years of life and ministry for our sister church, St. John's United Church of Christ. The schedule for their celebration is:

Saturday, April 29, 2017:

- 5 p.m.—reception in the sanctuary
- 6 p.m.—dinner in the Social Hall

Sunday, April 20, 2017:

- 10 a.m.—Celebratory Worship Service in the Sanctuary

All are welcome. For more information you may call the church at 662-5921.

Round About Us

Our church's assistant administrator, **Jennifer Abele**, has submitted a letter of resignation to the personnel committee and will conclude her employment with the church on March 3, 2017. Jennifer has secured a full time job with a corporation that is opening a new office in Sacramento near Mather Field. Jennifer has been employed by the church for nearly four years...and we wish her abundant blessing as she begins this new job. She will of course continue to serve the congregation as co-chair of our worship committee and chair of music and as a member of the choir. We are grateful for Jennifer's years of service and celebrate her new employment opportunity.

As of Thursday, February 16, 2017 seventeen of the thirty-two volunteer slots at the Interfaith Rotating Shelter at St. Luke's Episcopal Church were filled by members of the Woodland Christian Church. Volunteers included **Heather Craig, Ann Edwards, Karen Webber, Becky Gordon, Del Zeiger, Lon Springer, and Larry Love**...and each of them took at least two time slots. Three of the five long overnight time slots were filled by our volunteers. The rotating shelter has run quite smoothly providing warm, safe space for two families.

Pastor **Larry Love** performed a memorial service for Joe Keehn who lived just three doors down College Street from the church. Joe was a fabulous Woodland historian who owned hundreds of historic photos of the individuals and businesses and homes and events that make up the history of this city. He did so very much to preserve a record of our community's history. Please keep Joe's family in your prayers, especially his wife, Florence Keehn.

On Saturday, February 11th **Lon Springer** and **Larry Love** attended the Black History and Multi-Cultural Heritage Celebration at the Guinda Grange in the Capay Valley. Participants enjoyed great music, the dances of Woodland Folklorico, talks on a variety of people and subjects related to the history of African Americans and other ethnic groups in Capay Valley and in our country. Lon was assisting with the display provided by the Yolo County Archives.

On Monday, February 13th, 11 a.m. church members, friends and family of Helen Neal gathered in our church sanctuary to remember and celebrate her life. Helen had been a life-long resident of the Woodland area having graduated from Woodland High School in 1943. Helen had been involved in this church since 1956 and had been a member since the spring of 1958. Helen will be missed in our church community. Our prayers continue to be with her daughter, Carol Patterson, her grandson, Jason Rohwer, and Helen's step-children, Robbi Henle, Howard Neal, and Janese Jenkins.

On Sunday, February 19th the congregation...and especially the children...enjoyed a visit from Fluffy, **Cathie Wicks'** Angora rabbit. Cathie led the Children's Moment and Fluffy was the star. Thank you Cathie for your wonderful children's moment.

It was good to have **Linda and Doyle Tuman** in worship with us again after spending most of the last two months in Southern California taking care of Linda's mother and then arranging all of the details for her memorial service after she passed away. They then had to get the house ready to sell and attend to a myriad of other details. It is good to have them both back in Woodland.

It was good to have **Henry and Sandy Berry** in worship with us on Sunday, February 19th. Sandy grew up in the Arden Christian Church and in mid-life decided to attend seminary and is now an ordained Disciples of Christ minister. She just recently concluded a year and a half interim at Cottage Way Christian Church in Sacramento.

Christian Lyster-Bradley recently had an out-patient surgical procedure. He came through it well...even though the 45 minute procedure turned into a two and a half hour procedure. He has about a month of recovery time ahead of him.

The choir is pleased to welcome **Barry Matz** as a new choir member. On February 19th there were eleven

persons singing in the choir...and there were some four members missing.

Congratulations to **Katelyn Reimer** who has secured a full-time, 8 to 5, Monday through Friday job with a company in Davis.

Del and Pam Zeiger's daughter and son-in-law, **Julie and Larry Feist** were among those who had to evacuate out of Oroville last week when the Oroville dam's spillway became a major concern. They went to Chico. **Michael Webber** also had to evacuate his home in Plumas Lake. **Marj Hansen** had seven relatives from the Gridley area (and a Saint Bernard dog) staying with her in her home in Woodland during the evacuation order.

(If you have news of your family or the church family that you would like included in the Oak Leaflet, please contact Larry.)

Flower Group

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We smile, we laugh a lot, we serve and we pray.



A few drops of rain didn't dampen the spirits of the twelve Flower Group ladies that gathered at MaryJo's for our February meeting. We know how to jump mud puddles! We seemed to be only concerned that our 'sack lunches' would get wet! (no lady likes a soggy sandwich)

The note on the front door said "Welcome Flower Group! Come in!". After shedding our rain gear we settled down in the Holmes' family room. We circled around their warm and cozy fireplace. It was so comfy we could have stayed all day!

MaryJo began our meeting with a reading and prayer from the Upper Room dated February 14th. How appropriate, as we were gathering to prepare a list of folks who might enjoy getting an extra 'hug' in the form of a Valentine from the Flower Group. We enjoy doing this each year, with each member sending out two or three Valentines from the Flower Group. It's a fun thing to do!

The room soon filled with chatter, so loud MaryJo had to raise her voice to get our attention! "Ladies, we now have some entertainment!". As a hush came over the room we were treated to a story written and read by MaryJo. She wrote this story a few years ago while attending a creative writing class. It's a true story, "...just as she remembers." The title was Odel. The story was about a small smiling, mischeivious young boy living in a very small town during the days of the Depression. It was fun hearing the style of language used in those long ago days. Days that many of us could remember or heard about from our Grandfathers. This little boy captured our hearts and had us laughing from start to finish. As we all know, MaryJo is a wonderful storyteller and we were truly entertained and 'laughing out loud' as she read one of her own favorite stories. Thank you MaryJo!

A call to the dining area for lunch revealed a beautifully set table. What a nice Valentine treat it was to be drinking tea or coffee poured from the Flower Group sterling silver tea set. Beautiful china tea cups and saucers were used which made it even more special!

During lunch we shared concerns and added folks to our daily prayer list. Quietly remembering our dear friend Helen Neal who had been a member of the Flower Group for years.

As we shared a second cup of tea or coffee, Donna was preparing a tray of Valentine chocolates, mints and jelly red heart! This special treat came from our friend Loretta Gossett. Our thanks to Loretta for the Valentine treat! Then suddenly out of the kitchen came a surprise basket of homemade chocolate chip cookies from someone who loves to bake: me!!!

What a wonderful morning together. Thank you MaryJo for your beautiful hospitality.

And as we left we couldn't help but notice that the rain drops and dark clouds had drifted away and out came the sunshine!

Blessings to all, from
Betty & MaryJo, Flower Group

Prayer Concerns

Gwen Miller, Carl Schoner, Ellen Parker,
Leigh Dieckman, Phelps Family & Friends,
Linda Tuman & Family, Helen Neal's Family,
Roy & MaryJo Holmes & Family

February 28

Bill & DeLois Watkins
Jim & Karen Webber
Michael Webber
Kathy Wertman
Daniel West
Rick & Nancy West

March 7

Carson & Andrea Whitehead
Cathie Wicks
Evan & Hillary Williams
Jim & Lori Williams
Ryan Williams
Jason & Katie Wilmot

February 26, 2017

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

“The Light of God, Listen to Him”

Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-9

Scripture Text: Psalm 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Neal Hardman

Children's Moment: Christian Lyster-Bradley

CW&W: Nancy Love

“Promise to Those Living in Exile”

Greeters: Gloria Dewey, Heather Craig

Candlelighters: Angie & Jayson Martinez

Power Point: Gloria Dewey

Flowers: Gabriela Strong

Service at the Table

Elders: Marjorie Brown, Jeanelyse Doran Adams

Diaconate Captain: Diana Fallbeck

Diaconate Team: Beja Springer, John Chase,

Joyce Henning, Patty Clark

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Jeanelyse Doran Adams

Fellowship: Heather Craig, Gloria Dewey,

Becky Gordon, Sharon Armus

Building Monitor: Sharon Armus

March 5, 2017

“Tragedy & Triumph for All”

Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Romans 5: 12-19

Scripture Text: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Matthew 4: 1-11

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Bob Adams

Children's Moment: Marjorie Brown

Childrens W&W: Barb Patterson

“The Lenten Puzzle”

Greeters: Gabriela Strong, Ally Jahn

Candlelighters: Katy & Raul Jr Rangel

Power Point: Nancy Love

Flowers: Sue Tarleton

Service at the Table

Elders: Alice Schoner, Sue Tarleton

Diaconate Captain: Ann Edwards

Diaconate Team: Delane Edwards, Becky Gordon,

Randy & Patty Overfield

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Sue Tarleton

Homebound: Becky Gordon, Ann Edwards,

Alice Schoner, Del Zeiger

Fellowship: Karen Webber, Kathy Cholewinski,

Barb Patterson, Chris Mancilla

Building Monitor: Randy Overfield

March 12, 2017

Daylight Savings

“Blessed to the Ends of the Earth”

Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-4

Scripture Text: John 3: 1-17

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Melissa Paulucci

Children's Moment: Gloria Dewey

CW&W: Becky Gordon

“The Good Samaritan”

Greeters: John Chase, Alberta Bradley

Candlelighters: Presley & Michael Phillips

Power Point: Sue Tarleton

Flowers: Karen Webber

Service at the Table

Elders: Del Zeiger, Gloria Dewey

Diaconate Captain: Ann Edwards

Diaconate Team: Delane Edwards, Becky Gordon,

Randy & Patty Overfield

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Gloria Dewey

Fellowship: Patty Clark, Gabriela Strong,

Alberta Bradley, Dona Ostergaard

Building Monitor: Mike Abele

WEMM Retreat: Racial Reconciliation: Building the Bridge to God's Kingdom

What: This will be an all day workshop facilitated by Sandy Holman, Director of The Culture C.O.-O.P. This workshop will lay the foundation for racial reconciliation and proactive change in our community. With love, faith, and solidarity at the center of our work together, we will learn ways to a build greater understanding of each other so that we can impact Woodland in a positive way.

When: March 11, 2017, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Where: St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Why: We desire to have racial reconciliation. We believe this work changes how people see each other and promotes working together within their faith traditions and with each other to impact people positively. We are interested in doing things that have a long-term impact and allow for both individual and organizational growth. This will allow us to set clear goals that impact people and their community in real positive ways.

Who: All clergy of participating WEMM institutions and 3-4 lay members of each congregation.

Cost: \$20 per person plus a dish for our potluck lunch. Payment can be made by cash or check on the day of the workshop. Please make the check payable to WEMM.

How to register:

Lay members should work with clergy to determine who will represent each congregation. We urge each institution to select participants who will continue this work within the context of their own congregations. Participants can register by emailing The Rev. Terri Hobart @ stlukerector@gmail.com. Please include your name and congregation.