ONENESS IN CHRIST STATEMENT

We affirm that all persons are precious to God and of sacred worth. God pours out amazing love and grace to everyone. We seek to be an inclusive church. We warmly invite into our life and mission all people without regard to race, nationality, sexual orientation, ability, age, gender identity, financial circumstances, or marital status. We are a large and diverse community of faith. We certainly do not always agree on theology or public issues. Our desire, however, is to build bridges of understanding and mutual respect. Above all, we seek to love one another as Christ has loved us. We are learning that the words of our founder, John Wesley, are true: “We do not have to think alike to love alike.”

REACH UP, REACH OUT!

We the people of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa commit ourselves to the mission of growing loving communities of faith centered on Jesus that express themselves through both personal spirituality and social responsibility; reaching up to God and reaching out to all people in God’s love.

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WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE
Seeds of a Sower

Here in California we enjoy a year-round harvest of bountiful vegetables and fruit from God’s gardens. In many regions, fall is the traditional time of harvest. Many scriptures are set in an agricultural context, and the authors often speak of the harvest.

The Bible tells of the Master Gardener, our Creator God who made land, sea, and sky. We are stewards of all that God has created. God trusts us to be diligent and mindful in caring for the harvest of food, relationships, skills, and faith that we reap. People of faith return thanks for God’s generosity by serving and shepherding God’s flock.

I am witnessing the varied and faithful ways in which you are stewards of God’s flock in Santa Rosa. Many hours of loving labor are devoted to the ministry of Christ by choir members, office volunteers, Trustees who care for the physical plant, members of church committees, those who phone and visit, prepare meals for Spirit Café, and much more. We are grateful to all those who responded to the Interest Cards at the Ministry Fair. We hope to utilize your talents in ways that enrich your life and the life of the congregation. Thank you for your stewardship of time and talents.

When there is an illness or concern or loss in your family, I encourage you to let the pastors know so that we can be supportive. As we learn of needs, we seek to be in touch with folks, but it is helpful to share directly with us as you know of a need.

Several expressed interest in a study on worship, but I find that other demands made it difficult to host the study this fall. I’ll watch for an opportunity in the future.

With gratitude for your partnership in ministry,

Pastor Lori

A Message from Pastor Lori

In 2014 in Fiji our theme for the year was to focus on our seniors: “Leaving No One Behind; Promoting a Society for All.”

Over the last two months I have had the privilege of meeting in the homes of a few seniors and those who are ill. This has impacted my life as I serve the ministry in this way. The scripture indicates these very important truths, even as we age:

- In old age is wisdom; understanding in a long life. With him are wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his. (Proverbs 12: 12–13)
- Older adults are people of worth. They have resources to be utilized in our community.
- Old age can be a time of great fruitfulness. (Ps. 92: 12–15)
- Older people are examples to our young generation.
- All of us are interdependent parts of society; no one lives to himself and no one dies to himself. (Rom. 14: 7)

We need to realize that the opposite of OLD is NEW. And God is always doing NEW things through those who have reverence for Him. Days can look dark, strength fails, often there is little to do, sight and hearing decline, fears may increase, and there is a new realization of the nearness of death. But all is not in vain. Everyone, including the aged, can find meaning in life when one relies on God.

I do believe that we are so blessed in our community when the congregations of Stony Point, Christ Church, and Montgomery come together at all levels of age, potential, and in whatever way we may contribute to the building of God’s kingdom here on earth.

The challenges are great as we strive to do what God wants us, as believers in Christ, to do in our lives. We are so thankful that God’s Holy Spirit always inspires, instructs, equips, and empowers us if we come to Him with humble hearts, keeping in mind that the power and the wisdom to do His work come from Him.

My prayers are that many in our community will take steps forward in faith to live out what they believe is God’s will and guidance for them.

Pastor Sekove
Dear FUMC Santa Rosa family,

Words cannot begin to express how much love we felt during our farewell festivities. The cards, gifts, kind words, prayers, skits, and FOOD did not go unnoticed, and we were so deeply touched. Thank you, too, for allowing us to enter your hearts and homes as we worshipped, sang, ate, laughed, and cried with you over the past six years. We will forever be grateful for our time in Santa Rosa and the opportunity to meet and share our lives with you.

We have gotten somewhat settled in Carmichael. Blake’s new appointment takes him on the road a lot, and Peggy continues to commute down to the East Bay during the week, so that does not leave a lot of time to enjoy our new home. That being said, however, we are beginning to explore the area a little and seeing the beauty of the Sacramento Valley. Bud and Babe are doing well and send their love and appreciation as well.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous Spirit in making us feel so loved. We pray that this note finds you all well and God’s grace continues to be abundant in your lives.

Blessings,

Blake & Peggy

ANNUAL GIVING 2019!

Giving first to God is a lot like eating dessert first--for many of us it’s not the familiar thing to do. Reason tells us to take care of our practical needs first and give to God what is left. Our theme this Stewardship season of “Dessert First!” invites us to give the first piece of the pie, the best piece, to God. Over the next few weeks we will have opportunities to explore gratitude for everything we receive from God, consider tithing or a proportional giving pledge, learn about the church’s budget, and reflect on the role God plays in our lives. Please join us for some fun and faithfulness this Stewardship season!

Remember
“Stressed” spelled backwards is “Dessert.”

THANKS FROM
PASTOR JOE MAJOR’S FUMC

Pastor Lori received an appreciation letter from Pastor Joe (formerly of Santa Rosa FUMC) in response to our congregation’s fire fund donation to Redding’s recent devastating Carr wildfire. Here are excerpts from the letter:

“Thank you so much for your recent donation to our FUMC Fire Fund. Your generosity during this difficult time has truly touched our hearts… and brings hope and healing to many who have suffered devastating loss…. Your gift will help either our own members who lost homes in the fire, or others in Shasta County whose homes have been destroyed, damaged, or those who may have lost property…. Your gift is a true blessing to our church, and we pray for God’s continued presence and guidance with you and yours.”

The letter was signed by Joe and three of his church staff members.

Our church congregation’s total contribution amounted to $5,000.

UMW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COOKIE BAKE
Saturday, November 10, 1:00 p.m.
Montgomery Fellowship Hall

ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR
Saturday, November 17, 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Montgomery Fellowship Hall

UMW CHRISTMAS POTLUCK &
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 11
Montgomery Fellowship Hall
2019 Budget and Board Members Vote
ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 13
7:30 p.m.
Montgomery Fellowship Hall

We will receive ministry reports and conduct the business of electing church leaders, setting the pastors’ compensation packages, and more. Come and participate in this informative annual meeting.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2018

8:00, 9:30, and 12:00 at Montgomery Sanctuary
11:00 at Stony Point Worship Center (except October 7)
Christ Church 9:30 at 1717 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa
Tuesday 5:30 Spirit Café in Montgomery Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER 4  ALL SAINTS DAY
Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness
Ephesians 4: 1-6
8:00 – Pastor Lori
9:30 – Pastor Lori
11:00 – Pastor Lori
12:00 – Fijian Worship
Christ Church 9:30 – Pastor Lindsey
Self Control - 2 Timothy 3-9a

NOVEMBER 11  Dessert First: Celebrate God’s Blessings
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
8:00 – Pastor Lori
9:30 – Pastor Lori
11:00 – Pastor Lori
12:00 – Fijian Worship
Christ Church 9:30 – Pastor Lindsey
1 Samuel 1

NOVEMBER 18  THANKSGIVING
Luke 17: 11-19
8:00 – Pastor Lori
9:30 – Pastor Lori
11:00 – Pastor Lori
12:00 – Fijian Worship
Christ Church 9:30 – Glo Wellman

NOVEMBER 25
1 Samuel 1
8:00 – Pastor Lindsey
9:30 – Pastor Lindsey
11:00 – Pastor Lindsey
12:00 – Fijian Worship
Christ Church 9:30 – Reconciling Sunday

Tuesday, November 6
5:30 Spirit Café – Pastor Lindsey
Tuesday, November 13
5:30 Spirit Café – Pastor Lori
Tuesday, November 20
5:30 Spirit Café – Pastor Lori
Tuesday, November 27
5:30 Spirit Café – Pastor Lindsey

GALLERY 1551

New FUMC Art Show
Montgomery
“A Community of Artists”

Enjoy the wonderful work of local artists! Come by and be inspired by their creativity!
ADVENT 2018: RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

The season of Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and lives to receive the birth of Christ anew. It is a time to consider our walk as disciples of Christ, ways we have strayed from God’s path, and opportunities to return to God through Christ. In response to God’s grace already at work in our lives, we commit to faithful participation through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

We invite you to Respond to God’s Grace through these offerings:

**Advent Soup Suppers**  
*Wednesdays, November 28, December 5 and 12 5:30-6:45 p.m. Montgomery Fellowship Hall*  
Experience God’s grace through food, fellowship, and faith sharing in a casual, relaxed environment. Volunteers to assist in meal preparation and clean up are welcome; let the church office know. Program will include Advent Devotional, with questions for conversation with tablemates.

**Try a Triad**  
*On November 28 at the Advent Soup Supper,* we’ll have the opportunity to Try a Triad for Advent. Those desiring to be a part of a small group experience with fellow disciples of Jesus may select partners for the four weeks of Advent. The commitment is to meet weekly to share your journey of discipleship. Materials to guide you will be available.

**Carol and Cocoa**  
*Wednesday, December 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.*  
Meet at the Stony Point campus to carol to our neighbors with Christmas cheer!

THE GIFT OF THE NUTCRACKER

Join us for this look at a classic ballet in a new and wonderful way. *The Nutcracker* ballet was first performed in 1892 and quickly became a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In *The Gift of The Nutcracker*, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this **four-week Advent study**, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God’s greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom that Christ came to build. Books will be available for $10.00.

**Led by Norm Bryan, the study will be offered at two times at the Montgomery Campus:**

- **Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**  
  November 25, December 2, 9, and 16
- **Mondays at 10:00 a.m.**  
  November 26, December 3, 10, and 17

As preparation for the class for those who are interested, there will be a showing of the movie *The Nutcracker* on Sunday, November 18, at 11:00 a.m. in the Carriage House at the Montgomery Campus.

Contact Norm for more information. 539-1610 or nlbryan@earthlink.net.

LOOK FOR NEW STONY POINT WELCOMING SIGNS

The photo shows the new signs installed along Stony Point Road leading to the Stony Point Worship Center. The signs read, “Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly, Worship Here Sunday, and All are Welcome” — a great way to welcome everyone to church! The idea originated with the Stony Point Core Team, facilitated by Karl Byrn, with installation by Mary and Geoff Brunet.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

- **Friday, November 16**  
  7:00 p.m.  
  Montgomery Lehman Chapel

Emphasizing gratitude/and thanksgiving, it’s a good time to reflect on all the blessings that we have in our lives. Hope to see you there!

Shirley Spina
**YOUTH 30-HOUR FASTING -- NOVEMBER 16-17**

For the month of November the youth will be preparing for the 30-hour fasting and learning about hunger all over the world. Through the curriculum provided by World Vision, they will continue to question why hunger exists in the world and what they can do about it.

The fast will take place on the weekend before Thanksgiving -- a time that I hope will open their eyes to appreciate the abundant food available to them as they enjoy family thanksgiving meals.

Saturday, December 1, the youth will have their annual Santa Sitting event, again this year at Christ United Methodist Church. Parents will be given the opportunity to drop off their kids at the church while they Christmas shop or just have a break or even have a “date night.” The youth will watch and play with the kids and will have fun activities for them, such as games, coloring, and cookie-making.

After the event, the youth will head to Target to buy toys for the church Giving Tree. They will return to Montgomery to spend the night.

Jacob Wilbur  
Youth Director

**FAMILY THANKSGIVING POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

We have an annual tradition at FUMC Preschool: We hold a Family Potluck Luncheon on the day before Thanksgiving – Nov. 21. Parents take off work to join us, and older siblings (many who are graduates) and grandparents also join us for lunch in Montgomery Fellowship Hall. The children make table decorations, and we all gather for a prayer and lifting up of things we are thankful for. Often, we have lots of chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese. Sometimes we even have turkey and food from special family recipes. Our church staff joins us for this feast. But the fellowship is the best! It’s a very special event for our children.

Preschool will then be closed for Thanksgiving Day and Friday for our holiday break.

Diane Wikse  
Director, FUMC Preschool

**CALLING ALL CHILD AND YOUTH ACTORS!**

For the past several years during Advent, the children of FUMC and friends have presented a moving worship service complete with scripture, musical offerings, advent wreath lighting, and a sermon in the form of theater. This year, the newly formed Family Ministry will present the entire worship service on Sunday, December 9, at the 11:00 a.m. Stony Point service. This service is always a joy for the congregation and a very special way to anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Rehearsals begin in mid-November for the worship play that will include opportunities for singing, speaking, and non-speaking parts. This worship experience is open to all children and youth, so invite your friends to participate! Contact Elizabeth (545-3863 x206) for rehearsal times, dates, and location!

**WOMEN’S ANNUAL RETREAT!**

Please note that our annual retreat has not been forgotten but just postponed to early 2019! This day-long retreat will be held at the Stony Point Worship Center on a Saturday in January or February.

If you would like to help plan this fun and thoughtful event, please notify Charlene Simons or Elenoa Bale:

Charlene at charchem@aol.com or 707-206-5985  
Elenoa at aetrb80@gmail.com  
Or notify Pastor Lori, Pastor Lindsey, or LitiaVeisa.

Charlene Simons
I was reluctant at first when notified that I was going to be a delegate to the PINCUM Youth Leadership Training in Washington D.C. But by the end of the third day, I was glad to be representing my Fijian caucus as a participant. “God Before Us” was the theme of the three-day training. We had speakers from different branches of the church who taught us about leadership within the church and the communities we represent. We discussed the problems facing communities of the Pacific Islands, such as gun violence, gangs, school dropouts, etc., and how we can find solutions to tackle these problems.

I took notes on various issues we discussed that truly speak to the “God Before Us” theme and to living as a Christian in this day and age of rapid changes -- from technology to the rights of individuals -- and as an immigrant from a Small Island Developing State that values my relationship with my creator.

The Church Creed has been amended to accommodate the changing world. One thing for sure is that His “word” has never changed, that His love has never failed. That is why it is imperative as a Christian to live and preach to please Him alone. As the apostle Paul reminded us in Philippians 1:20-21, “I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Yes, I have been through trying times. I have fallen so many times in this walk with God and I have cried, but knowing that God Is Before Me gives me courage and comfort that I will overcome any obstacle that is laid before me.

Your Brother in Christ,

E. T. Bainivalu
THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR F.I.S.H.

Thanksgiving is upon us, a very busy time for the F.I.S.H. food pantry.

FUMC has been generous in support of hungry neighbors with our donations of food and dollars to F.I.S.H. This year our Thanksgiving Offering on November 18 will go entirely to F.I.S.H.

This past year the number of households served by F.I.S.H. has increased by 22%. Home delivery services have been instituted for those unable to get to F.I.S.H. Various meats for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals have been underwritten by donations, and F.I.S.H. has been able to update its procedures by no longer requiring clients to call before coming in to get groceries.

All of these expanding services are requiring more volunteers, and, once again, FUMC has stepped up and filled many positions. On the third Saturday of the month a dedicated group of our congregation volunteers gives out over 200 bags of food!

Thank you for your continued support of F.I.S.H. at this joyous holiday time.

Outreach and Service Commission

RECONCILING COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Monday, November 5
4:00 p.m.
Bob and Shirley Cheal’s Home

“Believer” (2018)
(108 minutes)

With the rising suicide rate among LGBTQ teens in the state of Utah, Imagine Dragons’ front man, Dan Reynolds, explores how the Mormon Church treats the LGBTQ community. We’ll make it a potluck, so bring something to share. Email chealhome@gmail.com or call 707-566-7286 for location details. All are welcome to join us.

PFLAGG

Monday, November 5
7:00 p.m.
340 College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

Some of us have been attending meetings at the local chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Family, Friends of Lesbians and Gays). PFLAG acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. They meet every first Monday. Please join us.

BUCKELEW THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 22
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Stony Point Worship Center

Please bring a dish to share or a cooked turkey. All are Welcome!

“WHAT’S HAPPENING” AT FUMC!

Each Thursday an all-church email, What’s Happening, is sent with current church events. If you are not receiving it and would like to receive it, please send your email address to the church office.
United Methodist Women present
Our Annual
SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR
And Luncheon
Saturday, November 17, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
MONTGOMERY CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP HALL
1551 Montgomery Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Gourmet Food Items  Baked Goods
Handcrafted Items    Fijian Specialties and take home meals
Knit and Crochet items Crafts from Kenya
Jams, Jellies, Candy Embroidered Tea Towels & Linens
Homemade Fashion Accessories Pet & bird treats
White Elephant Boutique Potted Plants
Christmas Crafts Christmas decorations
Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate
Cookie Walk - select your favorites

Shop and then enjoy lunch & dessert with us.
Beautiful Christmas music throughout the day!
Please join us for fun and Christmas Spirit!
WARMING HUT MINISTRY IS BACK!

The Warming Hut Ministry will be back in business starting this week in a new location—the parking lot of the Sam Jones Shelter. Mere and Bill Nabou have restarted the ministry which provides hot coffee and pastries starting at 5 a.m. each morning. Many thanks to those who serve others!

Samuel L. Jones Hall is located in southwest Santa Rosa at 4020 Finley Avenue and is the largest full service shelter in northern California for individuals or couples without children.

MR. WIGGLES RETURNS

Hi, Mr. Wiggles-the-Bookworm here again! We met in the October Roseleaf, remember? I am back at Angels’ Attic Book Nook in cookbooks.

Let me share some finds: Victoria Sweet Baking has recipes for Pumpkin Cheesecake and Rum Pecan Pie. Yum. Here’s an unusual cookie book, 1 Dough, one basic recipe for 100 kinds of cookies. Thanksgiving cookies, Christmas Angels are two. Party Food has snacks, dips, and nibles. Love those cheese straws, celery boats, and seafood kabobs! Oh, look! A Betty Crocker Cookbook for Boys and Girls. Fun for family time in the kitchen!

Wiggled over to Better Homes and Gardens’ Step by Step Microwave Cooking—stuffed chicken, peach glazed ham, pineapple cashew pork chops. Yum! Feeling pounds added? Then here is Weight Watcher’s Family Style—tomato basil lentil soup, easy garden vegetable lasagna, and even a slow-cooker recipe for tropical pot roast!

So many cookbooks, but it’s time to go. Before I leave, I noticed beautiful china and crystal, serving dishes, candleholders, and tablecloths and runners to enhance Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities. There’re also craft kits, collectibles, art, furniture, special attire, and much more. Wow!

Do drop in for a LOOK and, of course, a BOOK!

Happy Holidays to All!

Mr. Wiggles

MUSIC NOTES

Our wonderful Chancel Choir participated in the multi-choir fundraiser “We Arise” held at Presbyterian Church of the Roses. The event raised over $3,500 for Habitat for Humanity, to enable them to help local homeowners rebuild after last year’s devastating wildfires. And our choir was featured in a short news clip on NBC’s Channel 3—yay, choir!

Look for the Chancel Choir booth at the Snowflake Bazaar on Saturday, November 17 — and -- enjoy your favorite Christmas carols sung by choir members for just a buck-a-carol! What a deal!

Chancel Choir members and other early morning singers will once again have fun singing Christmas songs for the children at R.L. Stevens Elementary School, across the street from our Stony Point Campus -- Wednesday Dec 19 from 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. That same evening we will go Christmas caroling in the Stony Point neighborhood. Members of the congregation are invited to join us. We’ll enjoy hot chocolate and goodies following the sing. Watch for more details.

THE GIVING TREE

Beginning Sunday, November 25, look for Christmas trees with requested gift item tags - located at both the Montgomery and Stony Point Campuses.

Through an outpouring of love and generosity, members of this church have graciously supported the Giving Tree Ministry for many years by shopping for and donating gifts to children who otherwise would not have much to look forward to during the Christmas season. We will be supporting children from a local elementary school, the Women’s Shelter on Giffen Avenue, children from the Camp Noah program and our FUMC Preschool. Eyes light up, smiles erupt, and hearts are warmed when the gifts arrive, and they know that their family has been blessed by an outpouring of grace and love.

Wrapped gifts are due back to the church by December 9.

Contact Lisa Sereni at 542-6706 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer with this amazing outreach event. Delivery helpers are especially invited to join the team!
WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Our year-to-date financial situation improved with a strong performance in September. FUMC members diligently tended to their 2018 pledge payments. Thank you! As a result, the September financial report shows revenues of $73,009 and expenses, including mortgage expenses, of $65,271, for an excess of revenue over expenses of $7,738. Our year-to-date deficit has been reduced to $11,369.

As of September 30, we had an operating checking account balance on hand of $50,564, an operating reserve of $37,523, and a mortgage reserve of $55,000. We are reminded that we are using $25,729 from our accumulated checking account funds to balance the 2018 budget, giving added importance to our fall Stewardship campaign, as we consider how we can best minister to those in our congregation and those throughout our community.

SAM COX
Chair, Finance Committee

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE...

If you attended the recent Ministry Fair, we hope you stopped by the Worship Commission table. If you did, we hope you learned something about our Commission and our contributions to the Montgomery Sanctuary services.

The Worship Commission works behind the scenes to decorate our Sanctuary. Do you have a new idea we could use in our décor? Are you interested in seeing if you might be a good fit to work with the Worship Committee?

The Worship Commission is looking for four volunteers to help us on December 1 in “Hanging the Greens” as we begin our decorating the Sanctuary for Advent. We can use a few extra hands, and if you are able to climb a ladder, we could especially use your help. Please contact Linda Morrissey at 545-9901 for more information.

JOANNE EMERY
Worship Commission

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

The various bodies of the church recently shared their ministries with you at the Ministry Fair. There was a lot of energy, sharing of information, seeking/presenting ideas, and genuine commitment. For all that I am personally thankful. There is a lot going on in our church that addresses many needs, goals, and interests. That makes our church great.

FUMC needs your participation!

Participation is the key to learning and understanding, and the key to satisfaction. If you have questions regarding any aspect of our church life, please ask. A list of the commissions and their leaders is found on the green sheets found in various locations at both campuses. If you cannot find the appropriate place to get your answers, please contact me. Communication is good only if it is two-way and fulfilling. Our commission is new and we want to serve the church.

JIM WIESENDORF
Chair, Communications Commission

STONY POINT COMMUNITY GARDEN
“WE PLANT THE SEEDS THAT FEED OUR COMMUNITY.”

We offer a warm welcome to our new Garden Co-Manager, Karen Girard. Karen has been working with Dian Jorgensen over the summer to learn the position, and has done a wonderful job. She is a great asset. Karen has planted a fall garden for F.I.S.H. this year, and I believe this is the first time this has happened. I think F.I.S.H will be happy with our fall harvest.

I also want to thank our wonderful Dian Jorgensen for her work as Co-Manager with me. Dian has been a tireless worker since the beginning of the Community Garden, planning each garden bed and documenting crop rotation that helps discourage pests. Dian not only helped with every special work day, but also brought some of her delicious homemade bread for us to enjoy while we labored. She has spent many uncountable hours harvesting, often delivering fresh vegetables to F.I.S.H. when no one else was available. Lucky for us, Dian says she will continue to help in the garden.

I am very grateful for Dian’s hard work and dedication to our mission of feeding our community.

MICHELLE HIGGS
Garden Co-Manager

FINANCIAL “BOTTOM LINE’’ IMPROVED!

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Thanks to everyone for all you do to support the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, and service!

SAM COX
Chair, Finance Committee
Fall Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God’s creation!

What you need:
- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:
1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

Harvest of Goodness

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.

“The will what is and will its.”

Answer: "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV

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