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

We continue to journey through the Lenten wilderness. Upon the endorsement of the Traditional Plan by the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church, many are feeling a sense of grief and loss as hopes for a fully inclusive church have been dashed. Others are content that their understanding of scripture has been confirmed. We are in a neutral zone as we await the Judicial Council’s ruling on the constitutionality of various parts of the Traditional Plan.

The matter of full inclusion of the LGBTQIA community is a weighty one for many, and very personal for some. Feelings are strong and people are vulnerable. As a local congregation committed to Oneness in Christ, this is a season for us to grow in respect of our differences without doing harm. We can seize the opportunity to genuinely inquire of one another, “How goes it with your soul?” One of Steven Covey’s habits of highly effective people is, “Seek First to Understand.” I pray that we will be open to listening to one another and watching over one another in Christian love. Amid much polarization, we can model unity with diversity.

God has always accompanied God’s people through the wilderness. Lent yields to Easter: suffering and death are conquered by resurrection. The future remains uncertain, but we know Who holds the future. As you travel your personal wilderness, as we move through a corporate wilderness, may we take time to allow God’s love to penetrate the depths of our being. May we listen for God’s guidance for our life together. May we be gentle with one another.

God is always creating new life out of the old. Let us not give up on God, nor on the community of faith, but wait with curiosity and commitment to see the new thing that God is doing in our midst.

Be the Hope,

Pastor Lori

GATHERING WITH BISHOP CARCAÑO

Tuesday, April 30
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Montgomery Sanctuary

As your Bishop, I have scheduled a series of Post-General Conference Episcopal Visits to inform our clergy and congregations about the actions of the General Conference and the implications for our conference and denomination. With the help of conference leaders, we will work to outline what unfolded in St. Louis and what those actions mean, followed by discussion with opportunity for questions. These visits will also be times of prayer and seeking God’s way forward for our ministry in the California-Nevada Conference.

Each of these visits is open to all our clergy and lay members from all the United Methodist churches of our conference. We hope that as many of you as possible will take advantage of one of these opportunities to receive important information and insight into church process and the outcome of the actions of the historic special session of the General Conference.

May the love of God who makes us one be with all the delegates of the General Conference, The United Methodist Church worldwide, and the members of the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

Your Sister in Christ,

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

LET’S SHARE EASTER THIS YEAR!

Invite your friends, kids, and grandchildren to Celebrate Easter Season with us at First United Methodist Church Let’s share Easter this year!

Palm Sunday, April 14
Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20
Easter Sunday worship, April 21
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL 2019
IN THE WILDERNESS...SURPRISE! THE UNEXPECTED ACTS OF GOD

8:00 a.m, 9:30 a.m, and 12:00 p.m. at Montgomery Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. at Stony Point Worship Center
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Spirit Café in Montgomery Fellowship Hall

MARCH 31
Service Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. – Pastor Lori
11:00 a.m. – Pastor Lori
12:00 p.m. – Fijian Worship

APRIL 1
Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. – Breakast Fundraiser, Camperships & Sierra Service Project
9:50 a.m. – Palm Processional
10:00 a.m. – All-Church Worship, Montgomery
12:00 p.m. – Fijian Worship

APRIL 14
Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. – Christ UMC
1717 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa

APRIL 19
Good Friday
Song of the Shadows, Cantata
Chancel Choir, Guest Singers & Orchestra
7:30 p.m. – Montgomery Sanctuary

APRIL 20
Saturday Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m. – Christ UMC
1717 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa

APRIL 21
Easter Sunday
6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service – Stony Point – Pastor Lindsey
8:00 a.m & 9:30 a.m. – Worship with Choral Music – Pastor Lori
11:00 a.m. – Pastor Lindsey
12:00 p.m. – Fijian Worship

APRIL 28
8:00 a.m & 9:30 p.m. – Pastor Lindsey
11:00 a.m. – Pastor Lindsey
12:00 p.m. – Fijian Worship

APRIL 30 - TUESDAY
6:30 p.m - 9:00 p.m. – Bishop Carcaño

SPRIT CAFE
Tuesday, April 2
5:30 p.m. – Spirit Café – Pastor Lori

Tuesday, April 9
5:30 p.m. – Spirit Café – Pastor Lori

Tuesday, April 16
5:30 p.m. – Spirit Café – Pastor Lindsey

Tuesday, April 23
5:30 p.m. – Spirit Café – Pastor Lindsey

Tuesday, April 30
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RECONCILING COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERING

Monday, April 1
4:00 p.m.
Montgomery Library

Information: chealhome@gmail.com
All are welcome to join us as we build bridges of understanding and full inclusion at FUMC.

PFLAG

Monday, April 1
7:00 p.m.
Positive Images building
200 Montgomery Drive
Santa Rosa 95404

PFLAG acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. They meet every first Monday. Please join us.
YOUTH ROOM THANKS!

- To all who painted! To the Foundation for our new carpet!
- To Penny Hunt for the furniture!
- To Janet Tonkin for our Benediction mural!
- And thanks to Lynne and Brian Garrison for expertise prepping the room.
Next step: youth sign the beam!!

Su Rood Cox
Interim Youth Director

YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
4:00-6:00 p.m.
SIGN THE BEAM!
MAKE YOUR MARK!
Blessing of the Youth Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
8:00-9:30 a.m. — SSP Fundraiser Breakfast
Youth Room Open House

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
4:00 p.m. — Egg Hunt at Stony Point

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. — UMW Spring Fling

YOUTH – OSCAR NIGHT

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF COLLEGE-AGED YOUNG ADULTS!

It is time to send a “finals’ care package” to our college folk! Please send me your students’ addresses so we may send them a package of cookies, treats, and well wishes to help them through the rest of the year!

Thanks!

Su Rood Cox
Interim Youth Director
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PALM SUNDAY – YOUTH FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 14
8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Montgomery Fellowship Hall

Tickets on sale following worship on Sundays, March 31 and April 7, at both Montgomery and Stony Point, and at the door on April 14, Palm Sunday.

Adults: $7.00; Children ages 10 and under: $5.00

Meatlover’s Tatertot Casserole
Vegetarian Casserole upon request
Fruit Salad, Coffee Cake, Juice, and Coffee

YOUTH ROOM OPEN HOUSE DURING THE BREAKFAST TIME

Sierra Service Project
It is an astonishing experience to prepare our big fundraiser every year. Our church members and Preschool parents step up right away to offer their beautiful (and many handmade) gifts for us to sell for the benefit of our children’s program. It was heartening experience to watch church members and Preschool families mingle and enjoy fellowship with one another. The children had their faces painted and worked on craft projects as their parents bid in the auction. Thank you, Bruno’s on Fourth, for your delicious meal! And thank you, Church Family, for your support all these years!

Preschool Annual Spring Concert, Friday, April 12

Everyone is welcome to attend this short concert of songs--about Birds and Bugs this year--at 6:30 p.m. in Montgomery Fellowship Hall.

Diane Wikse
Preschool Director

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Arista Winery
Aubrie Hunt
Bay Area Discovery Museum
Bennett Valley Golf Course
Beth DuVardo
Bike Peddler
Bizee Beez
California Academy of Sciences
Catherine & Norm Bryan
Cathy Wieschendorff
Charles M. Schulz Museum
Children’s Fairyland
Cinnabar Theater
Cold Stone Creamery
Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids
Cookie...take a bite!
Cupcake
David Slorpe
Dawn & Jake Kopshever
Dian Jorgensen
Diane Gebhart
Dierk’s Midtown Café
Doris Evans
Double Decker Lanes
East West Restaurant
Elizabeth Dale
Emery Perceill
Fairgrounds Golf Course

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens
Mookie & Me Co.
Mombo’s Pizza
Nancy Messinger
Northern Lights Antiques
Otis & Jane Hollar
Pam Dale
PattyLite
“Our Makers”
Pilates with Anne
Prickett’s Nursery
Rialto Cinemas
Ruth Norman
Sacramento Zoo
Sally Gearhart
Santa Rosa Symphony
Scandia
Sequoia Floral International
Snoopy’s Home Ice
Sonoma County Fair
Sonoma County Regional Parks
Sonoma Raceway
Sonoma TrainTown
Suzi Eszterhas
Tangles
Tom & Linda Dadko
Vertex Climbing Center
Wags & Cheers
Western Farm Center
Willibees Wine & Spirits

The Children's Commission is gearing up for the cutest (and quickest) event of the year--the EASTER EGG HUNT! Children ages 0-10 from throughout Santa Rosa are drawn to the Stony Point Campus fields where they will hunt for the elusive eggs. The children of the community look forward all year to this yearly event.

We are currently accepting donations of small, individually-wrapped candy (please consider FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE!), toys, and/or stickers to stuff into thousands of plastic eggs. Drop off donations in designated boxes at either campus by Sunday, April 7. THANK YOU!

Our own Holly Ficher and family will bring their young animals for a Springtime Petting Zoo! There will be Vacation Bible School information and a Hospitality table.

Come help us spread the Good News of Easter! Volunteers are needed in many ways to make this event a success: egg stuffers...help staff a booth...hide eggs...meet and greet! See Elizabeth Walton to lend a hand.

WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE
Dear Church Family,

Your prayers, notes, and gifts have been a blessing to our family as we prepare to begin our new life in Denver. Thank you so much for the generosity, kindness, and love that supported and guided us as we moved through the difficult task of reimagining our future. We look forward to starting our new chapter, but carry the memories and history of our time in Santa Rosa forever in our hearts.

With much love and gratitude,

The Brunet Family
Mary, Geoff, George & Meghan, Margaret, and Catherine

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**WORSHIP COMMISSION FUNDRAISER**

This year we are partnering with Cookbook Publishers to create a new personalized cookbook that showcases the best recipes from our church family. We want your recipes to be included!

The cookbook will be a **fundraiser** to help promote awareness in our community. Keepsake cookbooks capture memories of our favorite dishes of family and friends to be passed on to future generations. Cookbook Publishers is helping us, and we are hoping you would help as well.

**Please send us three or four of your favorite recipes for our consideration. If we select one or more of your recipes, we will print your name by each one. For more information, please visit the Worship Commission display table in Montgomery Fellowship Hall after Sunday service.**

**Order your cookbooks in advance** to make sure you will have enough copies to give to family and friends. Don’t be disappointed!

We will **also be selling advertising space** so we can promote your business while you help us pay our publishing costs. Contact Linda Morrissey at 707-545-9901 for more information.

Thank you so much for participating in our cookbook project. We look forward to trying out your recipes!

**Worship Commission**

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**A NOTE OF THANKS**

You won’t want to miss hearing this moving cantata, “Song of the Shadows,” by Joseph E. Martin, featuring our Chancel Choir, accompanied by a fine orchestra. Seldom do music and words capture the love and sacrifice of Christ and the range and depth of emotions inherent in Holy Week as in this powerful work. The earthly life of Christ began in the shadows of a flickering candle flame in a rugged stable, and ended in the darkness of Calvary. Through this moving music, we walk together for a while in the shadow of the cross.

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**SONG OF THE SHADOWS**

| Cantata Presented by the Chancel Choir |
| Good Friday, April 19 |
| 7:30 p.m. |
| Montgomery Sanctuary |

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**CARVING “RESURRECTION”**

After the Sunday worship service, 11 a.m. to noon, on April 7, Jack Wikse will reflect on his stone sculpture, “Resurrection,” announcing the publication of a book of photographs of his carvings titled **The Human Dream: Carving a History of Myth** by Grace Cheung-Schulman. This carving is one of 15 “stories that endure” told in the book. A video and slide show from the book (and refreshments) will celebrate the Easter season and the collaboration between Grace and Jack that began at CCUM. All are welcome.

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**TAIZÉ**

There will be no Taizé service in April because Good Friday is on the third Friday.
Hi There,

It’s me again, Mr. Wiggles, your bookworm friend. This rainy weather is getting to me, so I decided to visit somewhere warm, cozy, and interesting. Angels’ Attic at 411 E Street popped right into my head.

The Book Nook is one of my favorite places in the shop. A round table was filled with fun-to-read children’s books such as Dr. Seuss, Charlie Brown and Snoopy, and Jonah and a Very Big Fish—I loved that one! A basket on the counter had some oldies with copyrights from 1963 to 1978. Remember Marvel Comic, Spider Man, and The Nearsighted Mr. Magoo?

I hope you will visit Angels’ Attic. The volunteers are friendly and helpful. Three rooms offer a wide variety of merchandise such as a beautiful chest of drawers, a vintage fern stand, and lovely crystal dishes that would make great gifts! I know you will find something to buy—perhaps a book or two?

‘Til next time,

Mr. Wiggles

CHARTER CHILDREN BAPTISM

Parents Melanie and Sean Charter presented their daughter Vivienne and baby Declan for baptism on March 3, 2019. Vivienne and Declan, along with older daughter Amelia, are the grandchildren of Ken and Bev Epp and Lynn Finberg and Sean Charter.

ATTENTION FUMC STUDENTS: YOUR CHURCH WANTS TO SUPPORT YOUR EDUCATION!

Your United Methodist Foundation is offering scholarships for the fall of 2019. If you are a high school senior, an undergraduate student, a junior college student, a trade school student, or a postgraduate student and do not already have four years of Foundation scholarships, apply NOW for a scholarship grant. Applications accepted on or before May 10, 2019.

Criteria include:

- evidence of a growing Christian faith
- active participation and service to FUMC
- potential leadership in church, community, and career
- financial need consideration
- scholarships may be awarded to an individual for up to 4 years

Information and applications are available at www.umfsr.org (under “Scholarships & Grants”), as well as in the United Methodist Foundation mailbox in the Montgomery church office, or at the Information table at the Stony Point Worship Center. Scholarship award announcements will take place on Scholarship Sunday, June 2.

Questions?
Contact Joyce Milks at joycemilks@aol.com or Charlene Simons at charchem@aol.com

DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL?

Agenda items for the Church Council should be submitted in writing by Tuesday prior to the Council meeting: place it in the Church Council mailbox in the Montgomery church office, or e-mail it to Janis.brewster@fumcsantarosa.org and mark it “for Church Council.” This will allow Council members time to become knowledgeable about the subject, and prepare for discussion at the meeting. In your request, include a subject title, description, and information on cost, savings, who or what groups it affects, and a proposed schedule.

Remember, you can find Minutes of Church Council meetings on the church website: fumcsantarosa.org.

Communications Commission
We have made significant changes in the website home page to make it more friendly to visitors and easier for our church family to find information. Some photos have been replaced. Contents and access are made more secure and maintainable.

If you use the website to make donations and other payments, you will find a somewhat different process. You can enter your credit card information on our secure page or use PayPal if you prefer.

If you bookmarked any pages on the previous website, you will need to update them for the new website. Your comments are welcome; just use the “Contact” page in the website—fumcsantarosa.org.

Communications Committee

VIM FUNDRAISER

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Sonoma Chanson, men’s a capella ensemble Choral Concert with Four For His Glory and 4th Day Gospel Choir

Our church is leading a Volunteers in Mission trip in 2019 to help with disaster rebuilding after a wildfire in Redding, California. The concert will help raise funds for repairing those homes. A free-will offering will be collected.

For more information about the VIM trip see http://fumcsantarosa.org/vim2019.html
First United Methodist Church
2019 Spring Fling
Women Helping Women

Special Guest Speaker: Madeleine O’Connell, CEO
*Silent Auction
*Catered Luncheon

Saturday, April 27th
11:30 am
$15.00 per plate
$10.00 Child (under 18)

1551 Montgomery Dr.
Fields Fellowship Hall

Tickets: 545-3863
or after Sunday services
**Finance Committee Report**

As is often the case, our church finances are off to a less than robust start at the beginning of the year. Below are the summary income and expense figures:

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We appreciate everyone’s “year-round” financial support of our church ministries!

_Samuel Cox_  
Chair, Finance Committee

**Church Council**

Our Trustees are busy assessing the health of our buildings and property after the heavy February and March rains. Our tight 2019 budget will require creativity for needed maintenance and repairs.

You have undoubtedly heard the results of the recent United Methodist General Conference on the church’s position regarding full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life and leadership of the church. Our local church settled this issue for ourselves several years ago, and at our March 9th Council meeting we re-affirmed FUMC’s decision with this official statement: **We affirm our decision to be a Reconciling Congregation and, as such, we support full inclusion of all persons in the life and leadership of our church.** We will continue to watch the international United Methodist Church’s discussions on this issue, as well as continue in conversation with our Western Conference.

The United Methodist General Conference actions and discussions are deeply painful to those of God’s children whose inclusion is being challenged. I encourage you to seek opportunities to study constructively with others in our congregation, such that we all may continue to learn and move more firmly into God’s grace.

_Heather Young_  
Chair, Church Council

**Note from Trustees**

**Spring Cleaning**

The Trustees recently completed a tour of both Montgomery and Stony Point Campuses and noticed that many rooms not used on a regular basis are being used for storage. We are asking all commissions, committees, groups, etc. to take some time to review the items being stored and perform a deep purge by June 1st. If we are storing items that have not been used in the last couple years and/or have no plans to use them in the near future, we may want to consider donating, repurposing, or discarding them. Let’s work together to enhance the utility of our facilities.

**Save Energy**

Just a friendly reminder to be mindful of our energy usage. Please turn off lights and turn down thermostats upon leaving a room or area that will no longer be used for the day/evening. We all need to be good stewards of our energy usage.

Please contact the trustees if you have any questions: trustees@fumcsantarosa.org or Lynne Garrison at lynne.chandler@yahoo.com.

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