



# Altar Light

St. John's United Church of Christ  
Woodland, California

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## Easter Thoughts

There are some words from an old Annie Lennox song that haunts me: “Dying is easy, it’s living that scares me to death!” I can’t offer any proof of the first part of that sentence, but I do know about living, and the song is right!!

How I remember a few years back when I developed some blood clots in my leg. There was the hurried trip to the E.R., hours of testing, and then the midnight ride by ambulance to a Sacramento hospital where an ‘umbrella’ was inserted into a vein to catch any clots that may be headed toward my heart. It was one of those moments that scared me to death!!!

It was the first time in over 50 years as a pastor that I would miss an Easter Sunday worship. Indeed, it was a time to pause for a moment to consider the miracle called life that causes our lungs to keep sucking in air even without our remembering to give the orders, that causes our eyes to open in the morning so that we are resurrected each new day after a night of sleep.

I remember looking out of my 4<sup>th</sup> floor window to see bright sunshine, hundreds of bushes with glimmering pink flowers and I was glad to be alive.

What an Easter Day it was!

These are the little miracles, the theophanies crying out, “God lives! God is unspeakably good!” These are the things of beauty we take for granted.

Easter reminds us that ‘the way’ has been opened to us so we may be found in God’s presence. It is a promise we live by .... And also die by. It reminds us that the essence of life that is ours comes thru the Christ. It is his promise for our abundant life and the open door to a life of a trusting relationship. Come and worship. May you not only see the living Christ but may he become ‘real’ in you!

Pastor Bill

## St. John’s Retirement Village

A putting green has been installed alongside the covered breezeway to the PCU.

Wheelchair accessible exercise equipment has been installed along the breezeway between PCU (directly under the shade sails) and the Main Building. This wonderful addition features four different exercises and can accommodate four people at one time! Sean Beloud from our Physical Therapy department will provide training on the safe use of the equipment.

A new Chicken Barn was constructed for our feathered friends near the Maintenance department building.

To continue our strong community outreach, on April 19<sup>th</sup> a Cyber Seniors Workshop is scheduled. This class is open to the public and residents at SJRV. Individuals should RSVP by calling Janet at 662-1290 or email [jmartinez@sjrv.org](mailto:jmartinez@sjrv.org).

## WEMM Lenten Luncheon

Our Lenten Luncheon, which was held Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> was a success. We served over 80 people.

Pastor Emeritus Bill Schroeder led us in a short worship service.

We want to thank Jenny Henson, Jamie Vaughn, Sally Reed, Dode Casari, Patty Cox and Bev Hall for their help setting up, serving and cleaning up for the event.

Also, a big thanks to our members who provided soup and cookies for the luncheon.

## St. John's Preschool

Our Krispy Krème fundraiser was a success. We made a profit of \$606, which is being put towards our security upgrades.

We received a grant for \$1,000 from the Kiwanis Club to add bark & sand to our play yard. A work day is tentatively planned for April 7<sup>th</sup> to spread the bark and sand in the play yard.

The children have finished their art work for our Square 1 Art Fund Raiser. The child's art is put on a memorable keepsake which is selected and purchased by the family.

The week of March 5<sup>th</sup> was Community Helper Week where our children learned about the helpers in our community. We were visited by a children's dentist, the Willow Oak Fire Department, and Kristina Palmer who showed a power-point presentation and talked about small animals and birds.

We will be taking school photos March 21 – 23. We started taking our own school photos about three years ago. This has turned out to be our best fund raiser.

Our Taco Tuesday Fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be announced at church and in the Altar Light. Last year this event was a big hit.

We currently have 60 children enrolled and 6 toddlers in the Toddler Option Program. We are in the process of enrolling more toddlers into the program over the next two months. We continue to receive calls on a daily basis and give tours. We only have 5 openings in our Pre-K classrooms in the fall. We are already full in the 2 & 3-year-old classrooms until the summer of 2019.

## Holy Week

### **Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service**

6:30 p.m.



**Good Friday Luncheon**  
American Lutheran Church,  
1114 College Street

### **Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**7 a.m. Sunrise Service Mary's Chapel  
(CR 15 & CR 98 north of Yolo)**

**8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Social Hall**

**10 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary with  
Flowering of the Cross**

**1:15 p.m. Worship at St. John's  
Retirement Village Chapel**

An illustration of a large cross decorated with various flowers and greenery. The cross is the central focus, with flowers of different colors and types surrounding it.

**Flowering of the Cross**  
During our Easter Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service,  
the dark cross is brought to life  
by decorating it with live flowers.  
Please bring flowers  
from your garden  
or a purchased bouquet  
for this special tradition to continue.

Easter Breakfast

We will be holding our Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. following our Mary's Chapel service. If you would like to make a breakfast casserole, of your choice, or bring juice, bagels or muffins for the event please contact Jamie Vaughn at 530-379-6203.

Flowering of The Cross

Please keep us in mind for flowers on Easter Sunday to help create our annual Flowering of The Cross. This has been an annual tradition which helps to make our Easter worship so meaningful.

Heifer Luncheon

On April 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a potluck dinner following our worship service where we will select what we would like our Heifer Project donations to go towards.

the Navy upon graduation. After my graduation, I traveled to Los Angeles to attend UCLA; however, the next year, I transferred to UC Berkeley, as Harry was stationed in Oakland. When the war ended, we both returned to Fair Oaks where we were married on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1947, and we began our life together on the Dewey farm in the Fair Oaks/Carmichael area. I worked outside the home as a part-time bookkeeper while raising our son Harry John and our daughter Eileen. Eventually I was blessed with 5 grandchildren, 4 boys, and 1 girl; and 2 great-grandsons! Now I'm kept busy with 3 great-grand dogs that entertain me on the farm.

Harry and I moved to Woodland in the mid-60's when we bought our ranch near Yolo. We planted almonds and walnuts (and then later pistachios) and I was a farm wife in every way. Harry loved to fly and we became involved in Flying Farmers, which gave us the opportunity to fly with other farmers all over the United States. Many people at St. John's might be surprised to know that in my fifties, I earned my own private pilot's license. In the 90's, I was given the opportunity to travel as a tour guide for Country Tours, and that was by far my favorite job.

Harry and I came to St. John's shortly after we moved to Yolo. We met Carl and Emily Sum and they invited us to Adult Fellowship at St. John's, and then we attended services. The people were so friendly, and we instantly felt "at home." We love the church and the wonderful people here!

## Jane Dewey



### In the *PEW* Spotlight

I was born on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1928, in Sacramento, California. My parents named me Marion Jane Evans after my two grandmothers, Marion Evans, and Jane Broadley. My grandmother Evans was not fond of her name, but Grandma Broadley liked her name, so I was always called Jane.

I had a very happy childhood in Fair Oaks where I lived within walking distance to my Broadley grandparents. I spent many hours at their house, and I've always felt they were an important influence on my life. In fact, my first job was hulling almonds from my grandfather's orchard. When I got older, I worked for my dad at his lumber yard in North Sacramento.

Fair Oaks was a small town where everyone knew everyone. I attended the grammar school and then went to San Juan High School where I met Harry Dewey in an Algebra II class. We went to Junior Prom together, not realizing at the time that we would eventually marry.

We were in high school during the war, so Harry joined

### Heifer Project

During the Lenten season we are collecting donations for the Heifer Project. Our church has participated in the Heifer Project for over 60 years. Donation boxes are available in the narthex of the church and in the social hall. Please indicate on your check or envelope if making a cash donation.

Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. For more than 70 years, Heifer has provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. To help the greatest number of families move toward self-reliance, Heifer International uses our gift where it can do the most good by combining it with the gifts of others to help transform entire communities.

Heifer animals that can be purchased include: pigs, cows, goats, llamas, water buffalo, sheep, flock of chicks, honeybees, ducks/geese, 3 schools of fish and trio of rabbits. Other items include: knitter's basket, biogas stoves for a village, tree seedlings, irrigation pumps and gift of clean water.

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Thank you for your participation and support of this project.

## Fiji Outreach

Last year we sent over 15 large wardrobe boxes of clothes to Fiji.

In January we sent 5 more boxes. We currently have two boxes filled towards a future shipment. These boxes are going to churches in three different areas of Fiji and are being distributed to many families.

We are including some recent pictures of the families in Fiji receiving bags of clothes and other items from our church.



## **ELDERS**

- A new member class will be held sometime between Easter and summer, the actual date is to be determined soon. Pastor Bill will lead the class.
- The “Stewardship of Time and Talents” form is being distributed. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in helping in the life of church and community to see what is available and to sign up.
- An informal review was held with the music staff to discuss programs and events for the coming year.
- The criteria for naming individuals during our Memorial Service has been set as ‘members, those connected to our church, and anyone that had their service held at St. John’s. This year’s Memorial Service will be held November 11, 2018.
- We have expanded our pool of guest preachers to include an individual from the Epic Bible College, a bible based college.

## **TRUSTEES**

### Security Updates

This month eight security cameras were installed off the preschool building and social hall to view the parking lot, courtyard, play yard and north side of our preschool building.

The church is paying about \$3,000 towards this upgrade. The preschool will be paying the other half of the cost.

At night the cameras are showing a lot of individuals and cats walking through our facilities to take a short cut to get from the street to the parking lot.

The trustees approved adding two additional cameras off of the church office to view activity from the sidewalk to and from the sanctuary. They also approved replacing the wooden gate between the preschool and sanctuary with an open metal gate and adding a second gate between the church office entrance to the sanctuary. Both gates will be locked at night.

# Milestones

## Call to submit your news:

It's that time again! It's time to write up and send in any news, articles and announcements that you want to share in the May or June Altar Lights: graduations; new kindergarteners; fair entries, especially 4-H and FFA; other changes, milestones, awards, and achievements. E-mail them to the office, leave them in the mailbox by the front door, or give them to any board member to leave in the office. Let's continue this lovely tradition.



Hearty Appreciation from the Kenani Settlement Church  
is beyond measures and explaining.

Bula (Hi) Marilyn and St. John's Church,

Attached are some photos taken of the Kenani Church members after they were given their plastic bags of household items which they received in early January from St. John's Church.

Please convey their appreciation to your church members with A BIG VINAKA VAKALEVU (Thank you very much) for everything.

Tema Navukita, on behalf of the Kenani Church, Fiji Island

## April

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

10th— Jeff Bourke

14th— Noreen Chase

24th— Rev. Bill Schroeder

30th— Al Massa

3rd— Frank and Jane Seiferman

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>7am - Sunrise Service</p> <p>8:30am - Easter Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Easter Service</p> <p>11am - Fellowship Hour</p> <p>1:15pm - Worship, SJRV Chapel</p>			<p>2pm - Jr. Choir</p> <p>5:30pm - Potluck &amp; Adult Study</p>	<p>6:30pm - Choir Practice</p>		
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<p>15</p> <p>10am - Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>11am - Helper Lunch</p> <p>1:15pm - Worship, SJRV Chapel</p>			<p>2pm - Jr. Choir</p> <p>5:30pm - Potluck &amp; Adult Study</p>	<p>6:30pm - Choir Practice</p>		
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