

## Pastor's Update – January 2023

### **“THE FRONT PORCH” with Pastor Brandon**

**Scheduled Wednesdays @ 2:30 – 5:00 PM**

**JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> & FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> + 15<sup>th</sup> + 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Most do not remember the day when the daily news was gathered on and distributed from the front porch of our houses. In Tennessee, my home state, and throughout the southeast, many homes retain this platform for social engagement and hospitality. Typically, there are any number of rocking chairs and sometimes a checker or chess game on a nearby table. There are snacks, something to drink, a friendly welcome, and a chair. So, drop by for a chat and relax. I'll list the schedule each month in my Pastoral Update. Please contact me for Lunch and Dinner times before and after these hours if you prefer a one-to-one conversation that day.

### **Congregational Care & Pastor's Renewal Time**

**JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>**

A renewal leave is permitted for pastors who have served six or more years in a congregation. In early 2022, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Church Council approved my pastor renewal leave for three months scattered across the 2022-2023 appointment year. On this occasion, I am celebrating my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and am preparing a May 2023 series of sermons on the theme of Faith & Science!

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** For non-acute congregational care during office hours please contact our church office (530-756-2130); after office hours and on weekends call Rosa Washington-Olson (530-753-2088) for assistance.

**GUEST PREACHERS:** Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Pamela Abbey and Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Rev. Thomas Kimball

## **Gathering of Spiritual Leaders**

**Asilomar Conference Grounds January 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

Pastors do not hold membership in any specific church; they hold membership in the larger conference where they are ordained – in our case, the California-Nevada Conference. Mandatory annual “gatherings” allow our bishop, district superintendents, pastors and spiritual leaders to strengthen their professional/collegial bonds and provide morale for the work of Christ among us. Please hold us in your prayer as we deliberate on our work in the face of historic changes in our denomination and the Christianity as a whole.

Though I will be among colleagues and on the conference agenda, I remain available to you by email ([revboffice@gmail.com](mailto:revboffice@gmail.com)) /phone (209-923-0110).



# California-Nevada Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 2023 Church Leadership Training - Online

Attention – Administrative Church Officers!

January 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

It takes a team to run a local church! Pastors, lay leaders and those serving on SPRC/PPRC, Trustees and Finance committees must work together to bring their church's vision alive.

Do your leaders know their roles and responsibilities to function effectively as a team? Training can help your church avoid major liability risks and expand God's work.

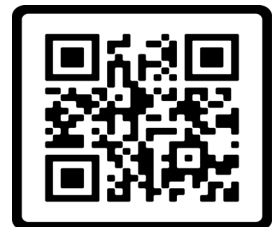
If you are a **Pastor, Lay Leader** or are a member of **SPRC, Trustees, or Finance Committee**, you are invited to this critical training.

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: 6pm-8pm**

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>: 9am-1pm**

[Register here](#) or scan the QR code

**Registration deadline: January 20th, 2023**



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