

Pastor's Update 2023 – June

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“Listening Sessions” with The Table UMC Pastors

Tuesday, May 30th (8:30 AM to 10:30 AM)

Wednesday, May 31st (3:30 PM to 6:00 PM)

Sunday, June 11th (3:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

Co-Pastors Linda & Matt will make themselves available for one-on-one 30-minute appointments with historic members of Davis UMC who were either not able to attend an April Listening Session or would simply like to follow-up with them after participating in a Listening Session. [Here's a link for dates/times of available appointments.](#) Please make every effort to sign up for one of these time slots.

“THE PORCH” with Pastor Brandon

Scheduled Wednesdays @ 2:30 – 5:00 PM

JUNE 7th + 21st + 28th



Drop by “The Porch” for conversation with me and others who drop by to share some tasty treats and tea. No appointment is necessary. However, as crises and unexpected events sometimes emerge, I may need to step away for a portion of the time. So, it's best to call our office 530-756-2170 or my number 209-923-0110 before attempting to visit. Drop by for a chat and relax. Let's catch up!

WITNESSES OF A NEW THING

Isaiah 43:19



June 15th through June 17th, Pastor Brandon, John Castelfranco, John Uhte, and Jim Tischer will be representing DUMC at this year's Annual Conference Session held at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Sacramento, CA.

Click this link or details: <https://www.cnumc.org/eventdetail/17307610?month=6&year=2023&day=1&display=m>

I recommend that you read Bishop Sally Dyck's "Call to Annual Conference 2023" to grasp the scope of this year's conference. You can find it here: <https://www.cnumc.org/eventdetail/17307610/newsitem/17343669>

Church Council – Reports & Meeting

June 26th @ 12:00 PM Committee Reports due to our church Office Manager

June 28th @ 6:45 PM Church Council meets in person @ DUMC

Please send any reports you want to share with the Council to Pastor Brandon, by 12:00 PM Monday, June 26th. He will compile what he has received and send them out early that afternoon. Also, if you or your committee would like a place on the Council Agenda, please contact Dori Marshall.

Worship In June

SUNDAY 4th 10:00 AM **When God Came Down Like Fire**

First Reading: **Genesis 1. 1 - 13**
Focus Scripture: **Matthew 28. 16 - 20**

When Jesus says, “make disciples,” he doesn’t imagine an anvil upon which we pound them into shape. Instead, he imagines a relationship. He says, “Go, spend time with people, value them, learn from them, know them, help them, tell them what makes you the fully alive person that you are.” It isn’t a course you take and get a diploma; it’s a way of living that we are always growing into. Like creation itself, the goodness is found in the process.

SUNDAY 11th 10:00 AM **The Path of the Disciple—Reconciling Sunday**

First Reading: **Genesis 12. 1 - 9**
Focus Scripture: **Matthew 9. 9 – 13, 18 - 26**

God doesn’t want us to wait until we are certain. God doesn’t want us to figure it all out first, to download the maps and chart our course; he wants us to move. “Move where?” we ask. Anywhere. Somewhere. As the Lord has told us. We don’t know everything, but we know some things. We know God asks us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly. We know that Jesus said *blessed are the peacemakers* and that when you do it to the least of these, you do it to him. Maybe that isn’t enough to build a life on, but it is a start.

SUNDAY 18th 10:00 AM **The Path of the Disciple**

First Reading: **Genesis 18. 1 – 15; 21. 1 - 7**
Focus Scripture: **Matthew 9. 35 – 10. 8**

Maybe your church isn’t called to have babies, but there is certainly a call to give birth to something in your community. Something that would give life, something that would give joy, something that would bring hope and unity in the midst of a difficult and divided time. We’re too old; our time has passed; we don’t have it in us; these are the excuses that keep us from following God’s call. Giving birth isn’t an easy task; just ask any mother in your congregation. But is it wonderful? Afterward, sure, but even during. Through the labor, through the pain, is anything too wonderful for God?

SUNDAY 25th 10:00 AM **The Path of the Disciple**

First Reading: **Genesis 21. 8 – 21**
Focus Scripture: **Matthew 10. 24 - 39**

Jesus tells us that even though we feel that we don’t have all the answers, we can go on as though we do—because we know where the answers are. Even though we have only glimpses of truth, we can proclaim what we have heard with confidence. We hear only whispers, but we shout with our whole lives our faith in the one who loves us with a love beyond description. Those old hymns do have power. They have the power to remind us of our faith in God through Jesus the Christ. Keep singing.

CARING SPACE and COVID AWARENESS



**Caring Space & Changing Room
Available to Parents and Toddlers
SEE AN USHER FOR LOCATION**



**Exercise Self-Care &
Be Mindful of Others**

Our staff and Church Council continue to address matters of care related to parent/child needs and to populations especially vulnerable to illness, especially where COVID is concerned.

CARING SPACE – Until it is clear that our budget can accommodate additional paid childcare staff, SPRC and our Children’s Ministry Director, Megan Houpt, wants to make clear that our church nursery is well-equipped, recently cleaned, put in order, and available for those who feel a need for that space during worship. Also, those inspired to serve in a non-paid capacity and who have a current “Safe Sanctuary” certification or are willing to obtain one are encouraged to contact Megan Houpt, Dori Marshall, our church office, and/or Pastor Brandon. In the meantime, if you need assistance, please contact a worship usher.

COVID AWARENESS – Our Church Council has earnestly endeavored to exercise timely and wise counsel and guidance regarding our enduring concern for those most vulnerable to illness when exposed to the COVID virus. Regularly, adult and child participants of our congregation test positive and experience sometimes serious symptoms of the virus, even as Yolo County public health statistics indicate low levels of cases and death due to the virus. While we continue to monitor the county website statistics, we remain intent on a message of care for self and others while permitting each person to choose whether to mask during worship. So, we have determined safety levels adequate for removing the larger postings of COVID guidelines but will continue to provide a note of guidance in our newsletters and worship bulletins. Guidance for our circumstances will be provided consonant with public health guidance as determined by our Church Council.

If you wish to respond to these comments, please contact Pastor Brandon or those listed above.