

# Pastor's Update 2024 – Sept./October

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## A Blessing of the Animals @ DUMC Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM to Noon Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

Brief Worship Service @ 10:30 AM  
Drive Thru Blessing 10:00 AM to Noon

Pastor Brandon will provide a "Blessing of the Animals" on the first Saturday of October, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who considered every animal of God's creation as a sibling. There is **no cost** to participate in this event, but **donations will be shared equally between the costs for services supporting this event and the Yolo County SPCA.**

### There Are Two Ways to Participate

- (1) bring your pet(s) to our 10:30 AM gathering in the church courtyard for a brief mass service of blessing,  
OR
- (2) bring your pet(s) in your vehicle or walk them by the church for a "walk-thru" / "drive-thru" blessing.

### Please Consider the Following as You Make Your Plans

1. You may bring a photo or ashes of a deceased pet for a blessing and to honor their memory.
2. Consider the temperament of your pet(s) and how they may behave among other animals.
3. Reflect on your capacity to monitor their well-being in public settings and in proximity to other animals.
4. Determine whether to bring them for the outdoor mass service or for the drive/walk through blessing.
5. Secure measures needed for restraint – e.g. collars or cages.
6. Bring waste bags.
7. Water and trash bins will be provided.
8. Photos are welcomed. However, keep in mind that if you attend the mass service, others may take photographs and post them to their social media outlet.
9. You are welcome to take photographs of the blessing of your pets or have them taken by a volunteer.
10. You will be asked for permission to use the photo for Davis UMC publicity for and after the event.



# A Circle of Eight

Last Day for October Sign Ups  
Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

Read the information below and respond ASAP.

A new month of circles will soon begin. Sign Up forms are available in the church sanctuary lobby. If you've signed up in past weeks, but you were not placed in a circle, your name will be forwarded to the next month until you are placed in a circle. If you have participated in a circle previously and would like to participate in a new circle, you will need to sign up and your name will remain on the list until you are placed in a new circle. Please do not get discouraged as you wait; you will have a circle in due course ;o) I'm eager to hear your story!

## How Do I Participate In "A Circle of Eight" Experience?

1. You commit to meeting for four consecutive weeks – same day and time for 90 minutes.
2. You agree to share your story. (I'll send a set of guidelines to everyone in the group ;o).
3. You sign up with Pastor Brandon – call/text: 530-760-8858, email: [RevBOffice@gmail.com](mailto:RevBOffice@gmail.com),
4. I'll send you a list of possible days/times and you choose all those that work for your schedule.
5. At our first circle gathering, I and one other person will tell our stories, so you'll have a chance to settle into the group and see what it's like to share and to listen to another's story.

## Jesus and the Methodist Way at Davis UMC

*A Course for Those Curious About Jesus, the Methodist Way, and Our Faith Community*

**Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, 27**

**11:30 AM in the Walker Room**

<https://www.fumcsd.org/about/methodism-church-membership/#resources>

With gratitude to the United Methodist Church in San Diego, I invite you to click the link above and review all of the links that appear below the title "Wesleyan History, United Methodist Theology & Discipleship". With this information, we will begin to explore our faith journeys, the history and ministries of Davis UMC, and your next step of faith. I am so eager to hear your story and connect you to the people of this church. There is no expectation that you will join our faith community after these sessions. But, you might! Attend the sessions as you are able. Childcare is available. – **Pastor Brandon**

***Please send me an email, text, call, or speak with me if you expect to attend this course.***

**Pastor Brandon – email: [revboffice@gmail.com](mailto:revboffice@gmail.com) or call/text 530-760-8858**



# Congregational Care

If you believe the information below to be incorrect or needs updating, please contact Pastor Brandon or our Davis UMC office with the correct/updated information. Let us continually pray, send cards and notes, emails, make calls, and remain in connection with one another.

**Prayer Chain – (send prayer requests to this email address: ([prayerchain@davisumc.org](mailto:prayerchain@davisumc.org)))**

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## Hospital Care

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**Home Care - see church directory for contact information.**

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Joe Archer  
Jerry Beaman  
Lauren Jewett – CA House Campus Minister  
Chuck and Blanche Shannon  
Rosa Washington-Olson  
Cathy Williams

**Atria Covell Gardens - 1111 Alvarado Avenue, Davis California 95616**

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Betsy Marchand – *Memory Care*  
Melody Moore  
Jan Tackett

**Calmia Place - 4220 Calmia Place, Davis, California 95618**

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Kay Singleton – *Memory Care*

**Carlton Senior Living - 2726 5th St, Davis, CA 95618**

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Ted Dill  
Carol Holmes

**The Farmstead at Dixon - 350 Gateway Dr., Dixon, CA 95620**

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Philip Kurien

**University Retirement Community - 1515 Shasta Dr, Davis, CA 95616**

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Dotty Dixon  
Joe Harper – *Memory Care* (Dotty's friend)  
Brian and Louanne Horsfield  
Jan Smyth  
Ken and Diane Wagstaff – *Memory Care* (Diane)

## RESOURCES

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**Stephen's Ministry** – contacts: *Caroline Chantry, Mary Ann Ingenthron* (Leaders) or  
*Pastor Brandon* -- [RevBOffice@gmail.com](mailto:RevBOffice@gmail.com)

**CaringBridge** - <https://www.caringbridge.org/how-it-works>

A free, easy online tool for sharing health news with family and friends—all in one place.

**Yolo Cares** - <https://yolocares.org>

Dedicated to improving the quality of, and expanding access to, end-of-life services for persons/families of all backgrounds.

**BOOK - "Caregiving 101"** - [https://www.thepilgrimpress.com/products/caregiving-101-cannon?mc\\_cid=0a2580904b&mc\\_eid=c5d37d56e9](https://www.thepilgrimpress.com/products/caregiving-101-cannon?mc_cid=0a2580904b&mc_eid=c5d37d56e9)