

Pastor's Update 2024 – October/November

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Jesus and the Methodist Way at Davis UMC

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

Sunday, October 27th

12:00 PM in the Walker Room

<https://www.fumcsd.org/our-church/methodism-church-membership/>



A Circle of Eight

**Last Day for December Sign Ups
Sunday, Nov. 10th**

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 have participated in a circle previously and would like to participate in a new circle, please sign up. 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,
4. Pastor sends you a list of possible days/times and you choose those that work for your schedule.
5. Pastor replies with the specific day and time for your Circle of Eight.
6. At your first circle gathering, Pastor and one other person will tell their 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.

Daylight Savings Time

Saturday, November 2nd

Set your clocks back one hour at bedtime ;o)

Strips of Cloth for “All Saints’ Sunday”

QUESTIONS? Contact Pastor Brandon (*email above*) or Rita Lundin.



Annually, we recall our ancestors of faith to mind on “All Saints’ Sunday” (Nov. 3rd this year). To illustrate our “communion of the saints” this year, our DUMC worship team is encouraging you to bring clean cloth of various colors to the church to be used in worship. Add the names of your saints to the net Sunday! Here’s how:

1. Cut or rip cloth of various colors and textures into strips roughly the size of a standard #12-inch ruler.
2. On each strip of cloth, write the name of someone who helped you to experience God’s love and presence.
3. Write one name on each strip of cloth – bring as many strips as you desire.
4. You may place your signed strips of cloth in the labeled cardboard boxes available in the sanctuary lobby and in the fellowship hall OR bind them to the fish net displayed in the church sanctuary.
5. If you have extra cloth fabric, please bring them for others to use. Place the cloth in the appropriate cardboard boxes that can be found in the sanctuary lobby and in the fellowship hall.

Our DUMC Annual Church Conference – Reports & Meeting

The General United Methodist Church is subdivided into jurisdictions, conferences, districts, and congregations. Annually a district superintendent visits each congregation in their district to conduct a meeting called an “Annual Church Conference.” At the conference, full members of the church will vote to elect a recorder of the minutes for the meeting. Then, officers that service on the “Board of Trustees” are elected. Afterward, a vote will be taken to vote on the remaining officers that populate the Nominations, Staff-Parish Relations, and Finance Committees required for the work of the church. And votes will be taken to approve the proposed compensation package for the pastor, and to receive an update of the official membership record of the church. Unless unforeseen issues require additional discussion, these conferences are complete within an hour. Our newly appointed Los Rios District Superintendent, Rev. David Niu, will preside at the meeting. Questions? Contact Pastor Brandon at the email at the top of the page ;o)

November 21st (Thurs) by 12:00 PM

Reports due to Church Office

November 26th (Tues) @ 6:30 PM

Conference Convenes in Sanctuary



Our Sermon Series

What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone? What if all of this is not the end we fear it will be?

In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined. Sometimes we need God to unravel us, for we long to be changed. This worship series explores 8 stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These are stories where God meets us in the spiraling, unraveling our plans—and us—into something new.

How might you be unraveling and what gifts can you claim in the spiritual unwinding and unbinding and re-weaving of your life story and circumstances? We all experience this process. What can we learn from those who have gone before us? How might our story contribute to the life of others?

October 27th "Repossessed"

Mark 5. 1 - 20 (NRSVUE) A man shunned from town and labeled a "demoniac" lives with the daily unraveling of his mind and is tortured by a legion of voices, which impel him to violently self-harm. But perhaps he could perceive something the townspeople could not when he sees Jesus approaching the shoreline, for he breaks free from his shackles and bows at Jesus' feet. His healing disrupts the status quo of the town, as a herd of pigs drown to their death and the townspeople fear the consequences of Legion being set free. How do we respond when the status quo—of our towns, churches, families—is disrupted? How can we better care for those whose minds have unraveled into illness?

November 3rd All Saints' "House and Home" (Daylight Savings in effect)

Jeremiah 29. 1 - 7 (NRSVUE) The Israelites called Jerusalem home because they believed God lived in Jerusalem. Yet, the Babylonian exile robs them not just of their home, but their identity, their welfare, and their perceived proximity to God. The prophet Jeremiah delivers a startling message to those in Babylon—to settle in, build homes, and plant gardens in that foreign land. What does this mean for those in exile? Where does God dwell when we are uprooted? What does God—what does Love—say when our dreams unravel?

November 10th "Planning with God to Undermine Hate"

Exodus 1. 22, 2. 1 - 10 (NRSVUE) Moses is born into a world of genocide, a world where his life should end just as swiftly as it had begun. But his mother and sister plot a plan for his survival, placing him in the river near Pharaoh's daughter. Their plan succeeds, as Pharaoh's daughter has mercy on the child and unknowingly returns him to his mother to be nursed. When Moses grows up, his mother returns him to Pharaoh's daughter to be adopted. Moses' mother unravels her hopes and dreams as a mother, enduring great sacrifice in order for her child to live. And yet, Pharaoh's daughter unravels her own father's plans by adopting Moses as her own.

November 17th "When the Unimaginable Has Happened" (Rev. Mel Brinkley, USAF, chaplain, ret.)

John 20. 19 – 29 (NRSVUE) Sometimes unraveling leads us to our deepest pain. Jesus dies, leaving Thomas and the rest of the disciples alone. Thomas isolates himself from the disciples, perhaps plunged deep into despair and grief. After all of his worst fears have finally come true, Thomas is too blinded by hopelessness to believe in Jesus' return. Yet, his despair unravels when he touches Jesus' wounds and can finally see, and believe in, God's presence after death.

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))

Hospital Care

Home Care - see church directory for contact information.

Joe Archer
Jerry Beaman
Dick Dowell
Carol Grench
Chuck and Blanche Shannon
Rosa Washington-Olson
Sherry Watson
Cathy Williams

Atria Covell Gardens - 1111 Alvarado Avenue, Davis California 95616

Betsy Marchand – *Memory Care*
Melody Moore
Jan Tackett

Calmia Place - 4220 Calmia Place, Davis, California 95618

Kay Singleton – *Memory Care*

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

Ted Dill
Carol Holmes

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

Philip Kurien

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

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

RESOURCES

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

CaringBridge - <https://www.caringbridge.org>

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