

The Outlook

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

September 8, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship on Facebook and In-Person

September 12: Psalm 61, Mark 8: 27-38, "Lead Me to the Rock"

September 19: Psalm 27, Mark 9: 30-37, "Shelter of the Rock"

September 26: Psalm 19, Mark 9:38-50, "My Rock and My Redeemer"

Rev. Alice Oberg, Preaching

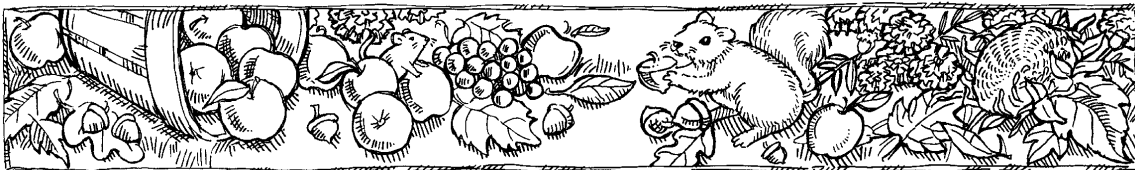
The Pumpkins Are Coming Sunday, October 10, 2021

On Sunday, October 10, 2021, the pumpkins are scheduled to arrive at noon. We will need your help to unload pumpkins and set up the patch. We will request that everyone wear masks and we will have plenty of hand sanitizer available. We most likely will not be able to socially distance at that time but will explore possibilities of ways to make it safer. Initially, we will reduce our hours of operation and make adjustments as needed. Monday-Friday, 3PM-9 PM. Saturday 9 AM-9 PM, and Sunday 12 Noon-9 PM.

We will not be having a Community Fun Day with a bake sale this time around. However, our bakery items are so much in demand that we ask that you donate them throughout the time of the patch and we will have them available for sale at the pumpkin check out area. We are exploring ways to still distribute coats, so donations are still being accepted. We are not sure about story time for the children at this time, but will keep you updated. The Adopt-A-Pumpkin Tree will be making an appearance in the lobby in the near future. Further details and updates will follow as the situation changes and more information is obtained.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and reflections of God's love through the Pumpkin Patch ministry. Call or text me anytime at 699-6625, to find out ways to help or email me at cgarnmpa@aol.com God's love abounds!

—Blessings, Carolyn



♪ A Note from the Pastor

No evil will happen to you; no disease will come close to your tent. Because [God] will order messengers to help you, to protect you wherever you go. They will carry you with their own hands so you don't bruise your foot on a stone.—Psalm 91:10-12

I will be taking two weeks of vacation from September 13 through 26. I will be spending two weeks with my daughter Sunshine and her family at her time share in Cancún. I am so looking forward to some time by the sea! I promise to pray for you when I wake and as I prepare for bed, but I plan to goof off the rest of the day. One of the days we will be on an excursion that includes swimming with sharks! (I have been assured they are whale sharks and not at all dangerous to humans, but they are the largest extant fish species, so it will no doubt be exciting.)

However, you will be well cared for. Rev. Alice Oberg will preach for you both Sundays I am away, and Pastor Falamao Samate will be available for all pastoral emergencies. The number at Tehachapi Valley UMC is (661) 822-1440, and Pastor Falamao's cell phone number is (661) 749-4654. For those of you who receive a copy of the weekly worship script, I will send three out this week. You won't receive a copy of the sermons, because I won't have copies—they aren't written yet! The scripts may change slightly because Pastor Alice has complete authority to make changes, but they will be close, and you will have an idea of the worship service.

In other news, You already know we are again preparing for the Pumpkin Patch. Pumpkins will arrive after worship on October 10. I may have mentioned that I was supposed to be away for Academy for Spiritual Formation in October, but that has been cancelled due to the COVID spike. Also, we have received the date of our Fall Charge Conference from our District Superintendent David Niu. It will again be a charge Conference rather than an all-church conference because of the continuing COVID threat, and it will occur on December 1. Please stay well and notice God's blessings all around you.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Anne

Joys and Concerns.

Prayers for comfort and healing:

- All suffering from COVID, including the Bender family, Brian and Joey, Matthew and Madeline, and Bill, and Art L. • Jim P. With A-fib • Carolyn A.
- Harold—may his heart grow stronger so his hip replacement can happen safely • Pam, a friend with leukemia
- Linda T. • Richard—healing from concussion • Lonsinger family—comfort, peace, wisdom and discernment • Continued prayers for healing for Barbara's brother John
- John R. • All people affected by Hurricane Ida • All people challenged by nature • Susan R. • Linda T.
- Gabriella • For so many people feeling serious stress • Stella's sister-in-law Jerry • Vera • Many school children who have developed COVID

Prayers for those who grieve:

- Corson family • Jacobus family
- Susan M. • The Dethlefsen family
- Barbara K. • Louie's family • Alison, whose husband Ted succumbed to pancreatic cancer • Afghan people and military families who suffer from the results caused by suicide bombers at Kabul airport • All people, especially women, who have suffered a stillbirth
- Barbara K • Barbara D • Susan M
- Sylvia C • Nancy J • Allison

Prayers for people and places with other needs:

- All schools as they struggle with in-person learning, contact tracing, et al.
- Brian awaiting a negative COVID test so he might be moved to a hospital room with a window that will allow a

visitor • Discernment for Wesley as we make decisions about a new choir director and how to resume choir practice while keeping everyone safe.

- For all the people • Safety for all in Afghanistan comfort hand healing for all injured • Safety for all personnel who are helping with fire evacuations—especially for JT
- For all students starting in a new situation; new school, especially those starting college • For Tina, suffering from unfair job situation • Safety and discernment for “anti-vaxers.” • God's guidance for all schools—safety for all
- Safety and peace for all first responders, including Firefighters and medical personnel fighting exhaustion
- People living in hopeless situations—This is suicide prevention month. We pray for people to find help and hope. • Courage for Brian
- A good Sunday school opportunity for children • For hospitals overcrowded and worker's exhaustion
- We pray for rain in CA, and a relief from rain where it is flooding • For those fighting fires and people concerned about fires. • PEACE
- Armando and his family
for CNA's who do extra work due to CNA shortages.

Travel mercies for:

- All who are traveling—it is a very difficult time to travel, but especially for: • Liz B, Cassidy, and all who are involved in the wedding plans. May they have have a blessed time together • For Pastor Anne and the Tomlin family

Prayers of praise and gratitude:

- Happy birthday Terry G. • We give thanks for Terry—next week she will have given Wesley UMC 30 years of service! • Gratitude for volunteers everywhere! • For successful cardiac procedures, and prayers for Carolyn A's continued healing • Louie's life and witness and his peaceful passing
- Barbara got to meet her Great-granddaughter • Thanks that Tom received the first dose of the COVID vaccine • Thanks for a good start to the semester, despite a few glitches
- Immune therapy is helping John
- Thirty family members were by Louie's side as he peacefully passed.
- Elisa who helps Sherry immensely
- Elisa's 2 children Samantha and Cameron who have secured wonderful internships • Gratitude that test results showed no cancer. (Anne would still like a diagnosis, but is very glad it is not cancer) • Gratitude for Catholic friends who have a different perspective and open up other's understanding • Allison's Master's program to start up in January
- Joy that Barbara's sister Carol and her husband are enjoying the cabin in Canada • The Distinguished Speaker's program at BC—very interesting talk by the linguist who broke the uni-bomber case • God led us to choose a Choir Director—Josh F! We give God thanks for both talented applicants
- All the people who do the work that needs to be done
- The wonderful Gonzales family

Cards

Linda Tilton can use "Thank you" and/or blank cards. If you have any to donate please bring them to church on Sunday. Thank you.

Church Directory 2021

The new directory is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for any corrections (near drinking fountain) or if you have had changes since the last directory please email or call the church office and leave a message. Thank you.

A \$100 memorial donation was given to Wesley Church in memory of Ruth Jacobus.

