

The Outlook

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

June 8, 2022

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

June 12: Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15.

Bill Blair preaches "Not on My Watch"

June 19: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Luke 8: 26-30. "Containers: Called to be a Mouthpiece"

Anne Schlesinger, preaching

Peace With Justice Sunday

Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. Wesley Church will have offering envelopes in Sunday's bulletin, June 12. Checks may be made payable to Wesley Church, designated *Peace With Justice Sunday* or give online. Thank you.

Reminder

The Administrative Council will meet via zoom on Tuesday, June 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you for your generosity. \$85.90 was collected for Native American Ministries last month.



♪ A Note from the Pastor

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.
Romans 12: 9-12

This Thursday, Linda Ramirez, Nick Strobel, Pastor Alice Oberg, and I will be joining many others on the road to Sacramento for Annual Conference. The theme of the Conference this year is "Let Love Be," and the scripture chosen is all of Chapter 12 of the Book of Romans. We are there to be part of the business of the conference, including pastoral appointments. Each district has a set time for appointing the clergy and assigning the lay ministers. They are named and asked to stand, and the clergy from other districts and available laity gather around for prayer and laying on of hands. The Holy Spirit is very evident in those moments. I will be reappointed to Wesley as your pastor, but I have only a very brief Agenda Outline, so I do not yet know when Central Valley pastors will officially be appointed. But it is a very special time for me, so when I find out when it will be Central Valley's turn I will try to let you know. I will appreciate your prayers. Also, anytime you would like to join annual conference online, you may from the Conference website, cnumc.org. Just click on the banner on the upper part of the home page that says "Let Love Be."

I returned from the Central Valley United Women in Faith retreat this past weekend. It was very enjoyable, with rich learning experiences led by Conference Lay Leader Micheal Pope. I encourage all women to consider joining the retreat next year. One of the teaching was a reminder that the words we use matter. Sister Micheal encouraged us to use the word quest instead of journey when we are talking about our life of faith. We are not merely wandering on a path, we are searching for relationship, community, and closeness with God.

The next worship series at Wesley, "Prophesies and Pottery: A Journey with Jeremiah" will begin on June 19. It focusses on how God can mold us and reshape us that we may return to the wholeness in which we were all created, I hope it is a blessing for us all. for us all.

Remember, please stay hydrated!

Blessings,
Pastor Anne

Prayers

We lift up the names of people in need of healing:

- Jim Adams • Nicole • Jillian's fiancé and his mother who both tested + with COVID and protection for Jillian • Ana M who had her surgery • Harry Wood—COVID + • Griffin COVID +
- Louis C COVID +
- For Kimberly—healing and discernment regarding treatment options
- Barbara D.—head cold • Anna M—healing from surgery, but also gratitude that surgery removed all cancer and she does not need chemo or radiation therapy
- Joyce, Jimmy, and their daughter Ovalia in a serious car accident. May God's hand be in their healing • Donald Hall healing from surgery • Nick—quick recovery from the reaction to COVID booster • Carol T (Arnie's sister) healing of two fractured pelvic bones • Linda Tilton's biopsy.

We pray for people grieving:

- The whole town of Uvalde, Tx, especially the children traumatized by the shooting, and the families that lost loved ones • In Tulsa and in all places suffering violence • The several churches in the Central Valley district facing closure or merging—that is difficult for the congregations, especially people who have been long-time members • The Chavez family

We pray for travel mercies:

- Barbara is excited for her summer plans and prays all things go well in the execution of the plans • For all clergy and laity traveling to and home from Annual Conference

We pray for other needs:

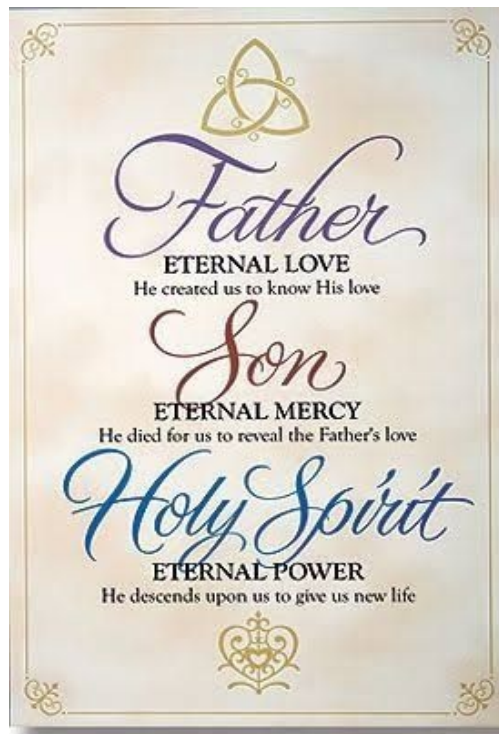
- For the Police Chief of Uvalde school district and the teacher who left the school door propped open—may they find peace and forgiveness for making decisions that turned out to be wrong decisions • The success of Balthazar's new business venture with his step-daughter • For Lisa S and other teachers ability to motivate students in the last few days of school • For children in the foster care system • For broken families • For people with seizure disorder • We lift up prayers for all the people who have not been in church recently, and we pray comfort for all who miss them • For Cindy C., and Abel and Isaac • Blessings on Balthazar's new endeavor • Blessing on Danny's finances • For Stella's children facing stressful situations. May Stella be able to give them guidance • For Sarah S making decisions—discernment and answers to uncertainties • Anne's discernment & guidance in the CASA case • For children in difficult and dangerous situations

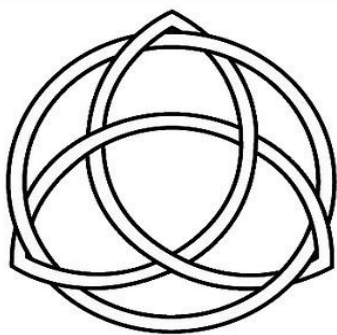
In gratitude, we give thanks for our many blessings:

For the recent beautiful memorial services—for Brian H. and Rev. Bob S. Laura is grateful that even though over 220 people gathered (plus more joined via livestream) no one seems to have contracted the COVID virus

- Guinevere's birthday • Sherry's birthday
- DS Staci Current's message of hope: Rise up and bring the light • Gratitude for the service of those we celebrate this Memorial weekend • Lea received the note from her physicians that she is healthy enough to care for children in

foster care • Graduation at Lisa S's school in Shafter went well
• Josephine's (Barbara's granddaughter) HS graduation • Stella's birthday
• Thankful for old friends • Susan McQuerrey whose art has made the paper and who is having a show of her artwork shown at Dagney's Cafe
• Lea received the letter she has been waiting for that CPS needed to place her grandchildren in her care. The process is moving along, slowly but surely
• Thankful for all the help Rob and Liz give Stella • Thankful for Katelynn's friendship • The good work of the church trustees • Thankful for the work of Beth Davisson and Louise Clay





"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth
is full of his glory."

- Isaiah 6:3b