Dear Friends,

Easter is here! We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this Sunday! By the time you receive this, we will have gone through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services remembering the crucifixion and the suffering of Christ on the cross. But, on Sunday we put all of that in the back of our mind and focus on the power that comes from the empty tomb. The disciples, in the next several days, will have encounters with the risen Christ that will catapult the Christian faith to change the world. Because of resurrection the world was never the same.

What comfort there is in the hope that comes at Easter. We think of all our loved ones and friends that have died and are reminded of the promise of eternal life. We take a great solace in the fact that death is not the end, but rather the beginning of this promise of life eternal. The whole celebration of Easter just reinforces our belief in this promise and empowers us to live life to the fullest.

We know, as we see the early Church take form, that it is a result of the indestructible hope that those early disciples had after the resurrection. There was nothing that was going to cause them to let go of this hope that was instilled in them by the risen Christ. There was nothing that was going to get in their way of living out the call to, “Go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” What a tremendous commitment they all had and what a tremendous Church grew out of that commitment.

As we gather to celebrate this great day of our Christian tradition, we get the chance to relive the excitement and power of Easter morning. This day can give us a new sense of hope, a new sense of possibility, and a new sense of what it means to be the Church. We can put aside all those things that hinder us from finding the abundant life that Jesus offered and find more abundance and blessing in this life than we ever imagined.

I look forward to sharing in our Easter services with you. I pray that each of us will find a renewal of the hope that is given to us on this day. I pray that, after we celebrate Easter, your life and mine will never be the same. I pray that after we worship we will go into the world, like those early disciples did, and share the hope that comes on Easter. The hope that says those things in the world that bring heartache and suffering do not have to continue. We can, through the presence of the risen Christ, change the world, just like those early disciples did.

See You Sunday,

[Signature]

Altar flowers are the Easter Tulips and Daffodils.

Acolytes: 10:45: Paige Hefferman, Olivia Bishop
Indoor Greeters: Mike & Joyce Vancil
Stairwell: Elaine Craine, Jane Workman
Liturgists: 8:15: Steve Mitchell
10:45: Will Stevens
Sound System: 8:15: Joe Swindell
Operators: 10:45: Ron Browning
April Ushers: John Williams, Captain; 8:15 Kathy Hollister, John Phelps, Joe Swindell, Dick Verdun; 10:45 Ed Tresnak, Krishna Balasubramanian, Mythali Rundblad, Bruce Wallace
**In Church This Week**

**18 Thursday** Maundy Thursday
4:00 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
4:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm 404
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
8:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**19 Friday** Good Friday
8:30-10:30 SOAR, Upstairs Rooms
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404
11:30-1 Sanctuary, Open for Prayer
7:00 Good Friday Service w/ Grace Methodist Church, at FUMC Sanctuary

**20 Saturday**
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Solarium, Room 404
10:45 Worship Service

**21 Sunday** Easter Sunday
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

**22 Monday** Holiday Church Office Closed

**23 Tuesday**
8:30 Men’s Group, Heritage Room
9:00 Daniel Plan, Room 403
10:15 Goldy Yoga, Room 404

**24 Wednesday** Administrative Professionals Day
9:00-3 Healing Touch (by appoint. only), Rm 403
10:00 Children’s Story Time
4:45 Handbells Rehearsal, Rm 418—NOT MEETING
6:00 Grateful Hearts, Room 308
8:00 Youth Group, Chapel

**25 Thursday**
11:30 PrimeTimers Luncheon, $8
4:00 Chimes Rehearsal, Rm. 415
5:45 Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga, Rm 404
7:00 Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**26 Friday**
9:30 Golden Yoga, Room 404

**27 Saturday**
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

**April 25, 11:30 a.m.**
Luncheon: $8

Program:
Jon Gobert—The Green Team
Christina Krost—Faith In Place

**Call for Volunteers:** We need volunteers to be Usher Captains for May/November 2019. Regular Ushers needed at 8:15 a.m. for August and June/December. Please call the Church Office to volunteer.

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP** is just around the corner! Camps are available for Kindergarten—Adults. Check it out at www.igrc.org/camping. Carbondale First UMC will pay half of the registration cost for students from our church who wish to attend an IGRC camp and half for one friend who attends with them. Please, register through the church office. Camping brochures, camping information, and registration information are available from Yiwen Bl.

**Save the Date:** Saturday Night Live on May 4 at Giant City Lodge, 5:30 p.m., hosted by John & Sharon Sims.

**Thank You:** Thank you for your generous loose change offering of $90 on March 31st. This offering will be included with the Easter offering for distribution to help those in need.

**Thank You:** Thank you to everyone who donated items, baked food, donated time, drove vehicles, and/ or donated money to the World Hunger Sale. Such a large undertaking needs many hands!! The weather was nice also!! We were thankful for that!!! Thanks to all who came and purchased items!!! When a total has been determined, we will pass it on!! Again THANKS TO ALL!! Church Women United

**Rosebud on the Altar:** If you wish to have a Rosebud on the Altar, it should be requested by 11 a.m. on the Monday prior to the Sunday that Rosebud will be displayed. This will ensure that the rosebud will be listed in both the Asburian and the Bulletin for that week.

**Address Change:** Don & Irene Carlton, Sunshine Villa, 80 Front Street, Room 145, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Cards would be welcome.

**Disciples for Sunday, April 21, 2019**

**Coffee** 8:15 Jan & Dick Verduin,
**Hosts:** Barb & Doug Bedient
10:45 Angie & Neil Voss, Jackie Cox

**Outside Greeters:** Jon & Sandy Gobert

**Van Driver:** Brian Gorecki

**April Nametags:** Mary Lou Goodman

**Welcome Center:** 8:15 Deanna Dill; 10:45 Carole Daesch

**Children’s Church:** Necia Jannings

**Children’s Church Registration:** JoVonna Noble
The Science of Natural Healing

"...a compelling and practical exploration of holistic approaches to healthcare...look deeply into the science behind natural treatments and preventive healthcare...discover that a large number of ailments and illnesses that we usually accept as part of life are in fact directly linked to lifestyle factors—and that positive changes in lifestyle, diet, and physical activity can have a major effect in both preventing and treating illness...The Science of Natural Healing leaves you with a rich spectrum of choices and possibilities for your own healthcare, as well as practical tools for creating a truly healthful lifestyle.

Everyone welcome!!

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 402

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16—Morning Circle, 10 a.m.
Location: Sunny Street Cafe

April 27—UMW Cache River District Meeting
Location: Grace United Methodist Church

May 2 - Priscilla Circle, 1 p.m.

May 21 - Morning Circle, 10 a.m.

PROJECT GROCERY BAG

The children of Children’s Church will be handing out grocery bags at the end of the service on Sunday, April 28 to collect items for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Please take a grocery bag, fill it with nonperishable food items and return it to the church on Sunday, May 5.

ITEMS NEEDED

Rice, Rice mixes, Pork & beans, Dry Great Northern Beans, Cereal, Oats, Peanut butter, Jelly, Dry milk, Egg noodles, Canned pasta, Crackers, Soup, Chili Beans, Kidney Beans, Koolaid, Lemonade drink mix, Sugar, Coffee, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Canned fruit

No household goods or paper products

‘‘...Feed my sheep’’ John 21:17

JULY 21 - 26, 2019
Volunteers Needed!

Teachers
Escorts
Youth Helpers
Servers for Dinners
Assistants with Decorations
Pre-VBS craft preparation
Marion Medical Mission sent thanks for FUMC's recent gift of $1,760, 100% of the gift will be designated for wells. In sub-Saharan Africa, the largest source of disease is unsafe drinking water. According to UNICEF, one in five children dies before their fifth birthday because they lack potable water. In 2018, 3,015 wells were built, providing an estimated 370,845 of the extreme poor (222,507 children) with a sustainable source of safe drinking water. Our gift will fund four wells in Malawi, Tanzania or Zambia.

Hannah House (HH) sent thanks for our $125 gift from March to the Manger. HH is a not-for-profit childcare program that provides service to mostly low-income families. Most of these families are students, work full time, single parents, and/or living paycheck to paycheck. Our support directly benefits the families by helping to provide quality service.

Eagle House Ministries will hold its Son Rise Service, April 21. The service will be outside weather permitting. A meal will follow the service. Pastor Daniel Money reports that he and his wife have adopted a newborn child, Abraham Truth Money. Abraham was born February 26. The Moneys have been in the adoption process since 2014. Congratulations to them!

Margham, Inc. supports Christian ministers in India. A March 30 letter reports about a young evangelist called Moses. Moses was raised in a Christian family and he and his parents dedicated himself to becoming a pastor when he was a child. He started a church in a village close to his home village, and the church grew. He had 40 to 50 persons in attendance on Sunday. Six months into his ministry he was hit by a vehicle while driving a motor bike. Surgeons advised him that it would be necessary to amputate a leg below the knee. His family and Margham Leader, Prabakar, believed that the Lord would save the leg. Their prayers were answered. Moses walks without a cane now and he believes he will be able to run on his leg some day. Moses has resumed his local ministry. Thank you, Missions Committee!

Bread for the World (BFTW) is working to advance global nutrition. Funding from the U.S. has played a key role in cutting hunger nearly in half over the past 30 years. "But more progress is critical right now. For the third year in a row, global hunger has increased after decades of decline. Worldwide, 1 in 4 children suffers from stunting because of chronic malnutrition. These children bear the lifelong burden of impaired cognitive and physical development."

BFTW asks for letters to be sent to Congresspersons asking for funding for global nutrition and nutrition programs.

Thank you, Missions Committee

**SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Children’s Opportunities, Sundays**

- **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School** (K-5th grade) uses the Deep Blue from Cokesbury. Main Topic: "Observing Lent with Your Family" - April 21 Sunday School—“Jesus Lives”

- **Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Children’s Church** (K-5th grade). All children are invited to Children’s Church following the Children’s Time at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

**Youth Opportunities, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

- **9:30 a.m. Junior/Senior High Class** meets in Room 414 and uses a variety of materials connecting the lessons of the Bible with issues relevant to today's youth.

**Adult Opportunities, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

- **Renew Class** - Renew is a group of women seeking deeper meaning in their lives through Bible study, reflection and prayer. They meet in the Chapel. Women of all ages are welcome.

- **The Electives Class** - Scripture studies following the lectionary led by Rev. John Sims. They meet in the Heritage Room. All are welcome!

**Small Group Opportunities**

- **The Daniel Plan Essentials** meets in Room 403 at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. They started the series The Science of Natural Healing on April 2. Everyone welcome.

- **Grateful Hearts** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Room 308. They are studying Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs.

- **Youth Group** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

- **Men's Group** All men of the church are invited to coffee and refreshments on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. We discuss anything and everything from the perspective of our relationship with God.

- **Gentle Toning, Stretch, and Yoga Techniques** meets on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m., Rm 404, the Chapel.

- **Golden Yoga** meets on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and on Fridays at 9:30 a.m., Rm 404, the Chapel.

Get Connected...to great opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship on your Christian journey.