

# Spire

June 2020

*from Pastor Jenn*

It is hard to believe that this is my last *Spire* column. Words cannot convey all that you have meant to me as we have shared life and ministry for the last nine years. You have celebrated a marriage with me and welcomed two children with baby showers, gifts, and so much love. Together we have baptized 38 people into Christian faith, we have welcomed 124 new members, and we have memorialized 71 beloved members who have gone on to life with God. We have repainted, reroofed, repaved, relighted, replanted and repaired something on nearly every square inch of campus (and the parsonage, too!). It has been a very full nine years together.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging so much new ministry as well. Since 2011, we have begun San Jose Family Shelter breakfasts, our weekly homeless Shower Ministry, Serve Sundays, Rise Against Hunger, and Messy Church. Our long-standing UMVIM trips to Colinet have grown to include many in our community, thanks to the incredible vision of Lighting for Literacy. We've even begun some traditions like outside worship on 1st Sundays in July (maybe on a break this year), and beautiful worship cantatas for Christmas and Easter. I have been blessed to watch these ministries grow, change and shape so many lives in the way of Christ.

Many pastors say they remember the moment they knew they were in love with their congregation. For me, it was Christmas Eve 2012. I remember looking out at the sanctuary full of people singing hymns by candlelight and I felt a deep sense of peace and pride to be with you. It was the moment that I knew I belonged and I really "felt" like your pastor. There have been so many beautiful moments like this it is impossible to recount; Ren singing "O Holy Night," Bill, Toni, Barb and Tom singing anything together, hospital prayers, funny skits at VBS, tie dying shirts at Family Camp and so much more. I will carry them all in my heart.



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It is difficult to say goodbye to you via emails, ZOOM meetings, texts and online worship. But this is our reality for now. I hope you know that I love you and I have been blessed to serve among you. For the mistakes that I have made and the good that I have failed to do, I pray for your forgiveness. For the blessings of love and joy you have given me, I say thank you. For all that we have done to share the love of God and make the world a better place, I give glory and praise to God.

There is so much more LGUMC can do to bear witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus. If I have anything else to say to you, it is simply, "Keep trying new things. Be bold and humble and trust that God is not done working through you."

My last Sunday with you will be June 21. We won't have a party or a roast, but we will probably have a drive by blessing so we can see one another from a safe 6 feet apart! Stay tuned for details. I want to end with a prayer first prayed by the Apostle Paul. It remains my favorite prayer in all of scripture and my hope for you:

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3: 14-21)*



# CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Los Gatos United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Working with the Staff Parish Relations Committee of LGUMC, Bishop Carcaño and the Appointive Cabinet have discerned that a short-term interim pastor is needed to enter into an intentional time of reflection on core values as the congregation prepares for its future. It is Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño's intent to appoint the Reverend Katherine Conolly to serve as your interim Pastor effective July 1, 2020.

Pastor Kate is a recently-retired pastor from Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference with 42 years of ministry experience. Her previous appointments have included pastoring numerous churches in her Annual Conference, serving as a District Superintendent of Western District, and serving as an Assistant to the Bishop for the Western District. She has also held various conference and connectional responsibilities including serving as a delegate to the General Conference. Pastor Kate is uniquely gifted to lead Los Gatos United Methodist Church as it discerns its path forward in this period of challenges.

Pastor Kate and Pastor Jennifer will work together with your lay leadership for a smooth and effective leadership transition. On behalf of Bishop Carcaño, I thank you for the great insights and prayers your Pastor and SPRC have offered throughout this process and I anticipate even greater things from your congregation as we journey onward.

Finally, I ask for your prayers during this important time of transition for Pastor Kate. I trust that you will welcome her warmly. Please also pray for Pastor Jennifer and her family as they prepare for their move.

Walking with you as we follow Jesus,

Shinya Goto, District Superintendent, El Camino Real District  
California-Nevada Annual Conference  
The United Methodist Church

# Worship

## June Worship

### June 7

Resilience in Christ  
Philippians 4:13  
Mason's last Sunday  
Honoring our High School  
Graduates  
Holy Communion Sunday  
Please have bread and juice  
with you at home in preparation  
of this service.

### June 14

How Majestic!  
(Experiencing God in Creation)  
Psalm 8

### June 21

**Pastor Jenn's Last Sunday**  
Thank you, and Yes!  
2 Corinthians 13:11

### June 28

Bill Cartmill Preaching

### July 5

Welcoming Pastor Kate!

## To Pastor Jenn

# Our Pastor

You *lead* our congregation by opening  
God's Word, and then you *live*  
your life reflecting all we've heard.

You *care* for others deeply  
and lift them up in *prayer*,  
and when we face misfortune,  
we know that you'll be there.

We really love you, Pastor,  
for *everything* you do.

And we thank God

for giving us a  
*Pastor like you.*

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## LGUMC Grace Chapel History

Every Sunday morning service is now being "aired" in the LGUMC chapel, so a little history might be interesting. Back in 2002, Grace United Methodist Church in Saratoga merged with LGUMC, and the church and campus were sold to the City of Saratoga. Part of the proceeds from the sale were used to convert the Conference Room at our church into a chapel, to be named Grace Chapel. Ray Cobb designed the chapel and drew up the plans. Linda Gridley and her company did the construction. The labyrinth in the floor was designed by Ed Burling, and he supervised its construction by a company in San Francisco. Some of the stained glass windows at the old Grace Church were salvaged and brought to their new church, here. Donna Swanson, then our organist, reconstructed those panels in the new chapel. Those are the beautiful windows you see every Sunday morning behind the speaker. Judith Stone, who transitioned from pastor at Grace to be our assistant pastor, blessed and consecrated the chapel in 2004.



## 2020 Mission update

The LGUMC Colonet / Lighting for Literacy Family Mission trip in rural Mexico in April was cancelled, unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We were faced with making a very difficult decision in early March when there were far more COVID-19 illnesses in Santa Clara County alone than had been found in the entire country of Mexico. We had an enthusiastic and diverse group of 34 missionaries who were ready to go to Colonet. We discussed, agonized over, and prayed about this cancellation decision. Ultimately, we made the only choice that made sense.

Once we made the decision to cancel our mission team's travel to Mexico, we still had to look after the needy family in Colonet for whom LGUMC had pledged to build the new "casita" with its water tower and Lighting for Literacy solar system. Our prayers were answered when our good friend in Colonet, contractor / builder Ivan Ortega Rubio, agreed to hire a crew of local workers to do the casita construction in our absence.

In addition, we had to consider our other friends in Colonet who have served our mission teams so well over many years. Our 2020 mission team members generously donated funds to the staff of the Hotel Paraiso Colonet. Since Colonet is far from any banks, we worked with the Hotel Paraiso manager, Manuel, in order to get the donated funds to the people there. Subsequently, Manuel himself arranged to have some of those donated funds used to provide basic goods and staples to needy folks in town. Manuel's generosity with this money was a wonderful reminder of the giving attitudes of many of our friends in Colonet. We are very fortunate to do business with such wonderful people there! They are truly an answer to our prayers!

We are asking for prayers for people in Colonet. They, too, have now been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Ivan's own family has been touched by COVID-19. His brother-in-law is now ill with COVID-19, and he is in isolation. Ivan and his wife, Adriana, have taken in his mother-in-law during the "sheltering" time.

In addition, Ivan has not been able, yet, to have his construction crew complete the new casita since he and his work crews have been "sheltering in place" at home just as we all have been doing. They plan to move ahead with more of the new casita work very soon.

Our work in Colonet has endured difficulties in the past. Nevertheless, this long-established mission endures, and commitment to this LGUMC mission is thriving. We will maintain our contact with our Colonet friends so that, together, we can plan our next mission trip there.



## Children's Ministry

We are bringing Children's Worship to your home while we are all sheltered in.

Until further notice, weekly Sunday School videos, which are fun, safe and biblically grounded, along with worksheets, are emailed out so that kids can have worship experience at home.

We love you and miss you.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelley at [kids@lgumc.org](mailto:kids@lgumc.org).

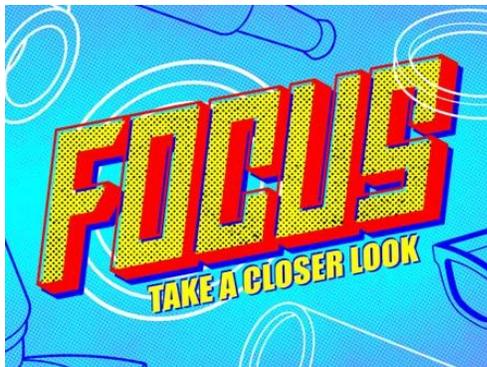
During the month of June:

**GOD VIEW:  
THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FAITH AND GOD'S CHARACTER,  
AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY**

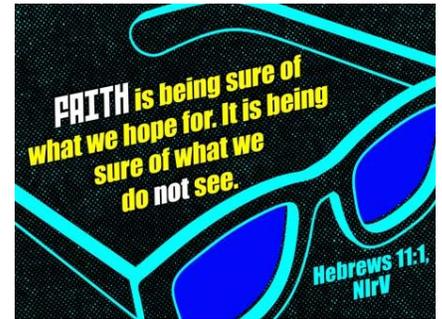
God has always been involved in the world He created. We see His handiwork on display in creation.

We see God's love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us.

We respond to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see.



When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand.



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## Kindred Spirits

Due to the current order to shelter-in-place, Kindred Spirits will hold our next meeting via Zoom. We hope you can join us as we discuss *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, on Wednesday, June 10, 5PM. The former First Lady's personal memoir recounts her early life in Chicago's South Side, her time in the White House, and her public health campaign. Her inspirational life story is told with candor and has led to Michelle Obama becoming one of the most admired women in America.



### *The Library Book*

Kindred Spirits gathered recently on a Zoom call to review/discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Kindred Spirits Book Club has been meeting since its inception in 1987 when Ruth Marie Wolf and Faye Fyock joined forces to bring together people who love to read, discuss, and enjoy a great conversation. Prior to the recent meeting, members were asked to share their first memory of going to the library. Seems many of us started in small town libraries, some even smaller than others, and many were encouraged by a kind librarian who helped them to find just the right book. Read some of our memories on pages 13 and 14.



*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

~ John Wesley  
Born June 28, 1703

## PRIME TIME

Prime Time outings are suspended for the time being, possibly to the end of the year.

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe summer!



### **Live Oak Senior Nutrition and Service Center**

Throughout the entire quarantine and shut down, Live Oak Senior Nutrition Program, deemed an “essential service,” has continued to serve lunch Monday through Friday to the seniors of our community. Kathy Mlinarich, Executive Director, has been the face of the program for Live Oak and the Town of Los Gatos. Kathy joined with the Chamber of Commerce to identify seniors and helped develop the “Feed the Need” program. The lunch program served at LGUMC and Villa Vasona has grown and expanded during this time while meeting all the requirements of social distancing. Because of Kathy’s hard work and leadership, the employees of Live Oak have had a paycheck and a safe environment in which to work. In addition, through Kathy’s connections to the Town of Los Gatos, the shower ministry was able to reopen. It is a tribute to the commitment of the partnership between the County of Santa Clara, The Town of Los Gatos, and Los Gatos United Methodist Church, under the direction of Kathy Mlinarich and the Board of

Directors, that this vital program has risen to the challenge of meeting the needs of the senior community. For more information, contact Live Oak Senior Nutrition and Service Center at 408.354.0707.

### **Shower Ministry Up and Running**

We are excited to report that every Thursday we are now safely able to provide 12 lunches and six showers to our homeless community. In April, the town of Los Gatos provided us with funds through the end of June for professional cleaning of the shower area, which meant we could start showers again after a five week break. This has brought great relief to those receiving showers. Thanks to Kathy Mlinarich, Nutrition Center Director, who was able to reach the town and ask for the money, and then also connect us with Tony's Janitorial Service. And, of course, we couldn't be doing any of this without the dedication of our wonderful volunteer team that provides lunches and monitors the showers every Thursday afternoon - Kitty Muller (and soon Nathan Muller), Susan Trone, Ed Burling, Eric Carlson, Karen Alfeld, Steve Alvin, Heather Newberry ( and soon Noah Newberry), Toni Kent and her crew, and Jo Greiner from St. Luke's. At a time when we all are missing each other, it is a blessing to be able to reach out together (with masks and gloves and at least 6 feet apart) every Thursday. Thanks to everyone for your support!

### Sharing God's Love

As chairs of Congregational Care Ministries, we have noticed that many congregants of all ages need to be more connected to LGUMC. Since many seniors are isolated during this pandemic, eight of us have started weekly calling many of them. The purpose of these calls is to bring joy, comfort, and connection to congregants 80 and above, living by themselves or with a partner 80 and above who have been isolated by the pandemic. If we discover a need, we are not asking the caller to fill the need, but let us know and we will address the need. We hope our calls will brighten their day, and they will feel God's love.

If you would like to help with this project, please call Elwin & Lois Stocking, 408.867.0901, [l.e.stocking@comcast.net](mailto:l.e.stocking@comcast.net). We would love to reach more of our seniors.

Blessings,  
Elwin & Lois Stocking  
Congregational Care Ministries Co-chairs



Grace Preschool is truly AN AMAZING PLACE  
to Learn and Grow in God's Love.

To all members: If you would like to join a fun, friendly group at church and help support our dynamic Grace Preschool, we are in the need of one new member. We meet August through May, one night a month, and promise to limit meeting time to two hours, 7 to 9PM. All are welcome.

Please reply to Rita Matthews, [fourwinn156@hotmail.com](mailto:fourwinn156@hotmail.com), 408.515.6369, or Ann Reynolds, [annjarrettreynolds@juno.com](mailto:annjarrettreynolds@juno.com), 408.356.1881. Thank you.



As most of you know, Mason Neipp, our Chancel Choir Director, will be leaving LGUMC. Mason's last Sunday will be June 7. Cards can be sent to the church ASAP, and if you would like to send him a donation to thank him and Sarah, checks should be made out to the church with a subject line indicating that it is for Mason.

We are also planning a drive-by goodbye / blessing for Mason and his family. More information on that will be forthcoming.

If you have questions, please call the Church Office, 408.354.4730.



**Three students will receive awards from the  
Ruth Dick Hunter/Florence Frye/United Methodist Women  
Scholarship Fund this year.**

**All have been active in service to the church and/or school communities.**

KELLY EVANS graduated from Leigh High School and plans to major in Business Analytics at Boise State University. He was a valued member of the wrestling and track teams and is described by his teacher as “a respected student athlete, able to prioritize his life and academic career, and a person of upstanding character.” At church, he has taken part in Sierra Service Projects and in Rise Against Hunger events. Kelly also qualified for an academic scholarship from Boise State University.

NOAH NEWBERRY graduated from Los Gatos High and will be in his second year at CSU Chico, majoring in Business Marketing. He has helped to build houses and install solar panels at Colonet twice, has joined our church members to make and serve breakfast at the San Jose Family Shelter, and helped at Vacation Bible School. He recently began to work with our shower ministry where he helped to serve meals. He enjoyed discussing business math with one of the men: “It was a humbling experience,” Noah wrote, “to learn how everyone has similarities despite differences in the way we live our lives.”

SEAN PETROKAS is in his second year at West Valley and will transfer to a four-year college, majoring in studio arts with educational certification to teach children about the benefits of creating art, while he pursues an advanced degree. Sean has had a lively, creative, and interesting life as a member of our church, beginning as the only toddler to escape from the Toddler Center one Sunday morning. His Great Escape ended when he was halfway to the high school lawn. Since then, he settled into active participation in VBS, followed by being a volunteer leader for VBS and finally mellowed into helping at the daycare center, and serving as mentor in the youth program: “a person of incredible compassion and love for people, especially children and youth.” His artwork is also much admired. Some of his work has been displayed and sold at the gallery at Azuca.

*belong*

*grow*

*serve*

### Opportunity To Send Prayers to The Prayer Ministry Team

Since we no longer are able to use the Connection Cards, we now have two other ways to place your prayers on the Joys and Concerns list to be sent to The Prayer Ministry Team:

1. Put them in the comment section during the Facebook Sunday Morning Worship Service.
2. If you are more comfortable, email your prayers to Lois & Elwin Stocking, i.e. stocking@comcast.net, by Monday, and we will send them to The Prayer Ministry Team each week.

Blessings,  
Lois & Elwin Stocking, Congregational Care Ministries Co-Chairs

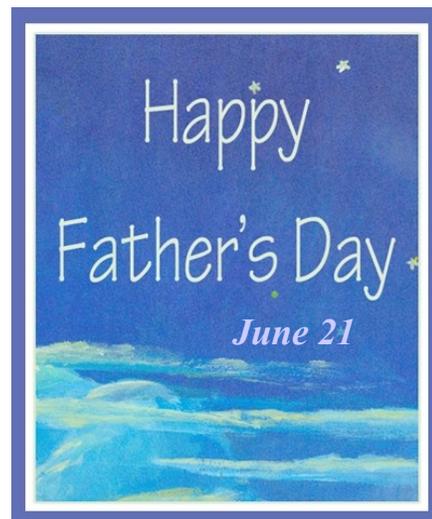
*~ Please keep the following persons and their families in your prayers for continued recovery, care and support ~*

Aki Okuno, Celia Palm, Charley Ann Cobb, Kern Hamilton, Doug McNeil, Carl & Kay Thoresen, Harriet Armann, Linda Waldrop, Eleanor Blumenthal, Peggy Rose, Debbie Kroh, Hybarger Family, The Homeless, Ed & Shelley Ahn-Wong, Prayers of Peace for all people and all countries

*~ In Memoriam ~*

**Maxine Hybarger**

**Memorial Service  
TBD**



# OUR NONAGENARIANS

*by Nancy Ruhle*

**Harold (Hal) Lipton** was born on Long Island, New York, May 3, 1930. His father was a physician with his office in the home, and Hal's mother helped out in the office. These were the Great Depression years, so patients often paid in the form of produce, such as eggs and wine, etc. Wine payments were due to the fact that the neighborhood was of mixed ethnicity with many Italians, who made their own wine.

Hal had one brother, Robert, who died in February. Because there were no organized sports, the boys played baseball and football with neighborhood kids. But Hal's great love was tennis, and he excelled at it. He started playing when he was ten or eleven years old, and soon was playing in tournaments. He was so good at tennis that his ability helped him to enter Duke University in 1948.

No slouch at scholastics, either, Hal managed to enter Duke University Medical School after only three years as an undergrad. That gave him another year in which he could play tennis for Duke. Following graduation from medical school in 1955, he moved to Colorado for his internship at Denver General Hospital. It was there that he met Eleanor Reed, who was an OR nurse, and they married in October, 1956.

Hal's military deferment ended along with the internship, and he opted to join the Air Force, where he became a flight surgeon, and was stationed first in Arizona, then in Florida. It was in Arizona that daughter Tracie was born in 1957. After two years in the Air Force, Hal began a residency in radiology at the University of Vermont. For part of that residency he was at Boston Children's Hospital. Daughter Dawn was born in 1958, in Burlington, VT.

Both Hal and Eleanor wanted to go west after the residency. Hal liked Denver, but there were no openings, so he joined a hospital in Auburn, NY where daughter Gail was born in 1961.

The Liptons finally reached California less than a year later when Hal found an opening in Lancaster, where the family stayed until 1965. Daughter Kara was born in Lancaster.

Hal preferred hospital practice rather than office practice, and in 1965 he joined a radiology group that covered Good Samaritan Hospital and Los Gatos Community Hospital. Back then, Good Sam was a small hospital with only three x-ray rooms. Son Greg was born in 1965.

The Liptons joined LGUMC in 1965 when it was the original white church and Bob Boswell was the minister. Over the years, Hal served on the SPR committee twice and twice was on the Board of Live Oak Nutrition Center.

Of course, he continued playing recreational tennis, and joined the tennis club in Saratoga, the town where the family lived since coming to this area. With five kids, they soon outgrew their two-bathroom house, and moved to a six-bedroom home off Quito Road. Hal retired in 2000. There are now nine grandchildren, ranging in age from one to twenty-six. Last Christmas, when everyone was visiting, the family was so large that they had to rent a trailer.

Over the years Hal, Eleanor, and their five kids vacationed as a family in their motorhome. They visited almost all the major national parks. Travel also included cruises to Alaska and Mexico.

Asked for his advice to younger generations, Hal said, "Stay connected to a church. It's important for raising a family, regardless of the denomination."

**Pat Patterson:** I grew up in a very small town. We had no local library in Big Sandy, Tennessee. However, the Benton County Library sent a Bookmobile which left books at the local Five and Dime. There was a low shelf under the large plate glass window. I sat on the floor looking through the titles. I discovered the world of Zane Grey westerns. After I read all that had been delivered, I found out.....I could request more! From that day forward I was there, waiting by the door when the Bookmobile arrived. My love of the American West was fostered by the books on that low shelf and a librarian in the next town who honored my requests.

**Nancy Ruhle:** I don't remember the first trip to the library in St. Albans, VT, but I remember loving the building, which is still there. It was a small brick building on Maiden Lane, a short street parallel to Main St., the actual main street in this town of 8000 people. The library was a treasure trove for me.

**Vonda Breed:** I went to a Carnegie library as a small child. We lived in the country so I only could go when the family went to town. It was a very large building to a 6 year old. My favorite spot was the children's room. Lots of books and furniture my size. I was allowed six books and they had to be brought back in two weeks. We didn't need a library card, your name was just put on the check out card. The building is still there and I always think of it as The Library, however it is now used by the local historical society as a museum.



**Debby Freeman:** The library in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin was on the second floor of the public works building. The first floor was a meeting room and the fire station. When the whistle blew, everyone ran to the windows to watch the volunteer firemen jump on the fire engines.

**Sharon Armstrong:** I found that the original library in Boulder, Colorado was built in 1905 by Carnegie. It is a very imposing, classical style building in downtown Boulder. The current library, which I visited last summer, is much more modern.

**Lois Stocking:** I am a San Jose gal, thus my first memory was going up all those cement stairs. The ceiling was very high. The library was located on the corner of Market and San Fernando streets (currently the San José Museum of Art). Since we lived on the far side of town, I think we did not go very often. But, books were, and are, special.

**Trudy Burling:** My first trip to the library in Pueblo, Colorado was the summer of 1955. I was so excited, and, a little afraid too. There were mummies in the basement. In spite of the mummies in the basement, I loved going there. It was always cool inside and there were more books than I had ever seen in one place before. I took as many as allowed. I think it was six at a time. Beyond the buildings, there were the programs, the independence, the kind librarians, and, best of all, the books!

**Carol Crow:** Although I had visited a library before, my first memories of it were of participating in the summer reading program at the library in Hollister. I was about 7 or 8 at the time. Each child was given a big sheet of paper, and this became her barnyard and corral, and for each book I read, I got to lick and paste an animal sticker into my corral. My sister and I took home stacks of books, and we had to get a second corral for all our animals.

**Kathy Nichols:** I grew up in a very small town, and as you know, news travels fast in such places. So...word got around among my friends that there was a book in the library which contained a few graphic sexual encounters. I checked it out as soon as I could, and my friends and schoolmates did likewise. I don't remember the title and it's for sure I don't remember the plot (was there a plot?). But it wasn't long before our matronly librarian must have said to herself, "Goodness, this book is sure popular amongst our youth! I wonder why?" Soon...too soon...the book disappeared from the library shelves, perhaps forever. I guess that was my first experience with censorship. But, all's well that end's well; eventually I did return and began to check out books which were "more appropriate" for my age group. Knowing me, it was probably all the Nancy Drew mysteries.

**Wendy Hendry:** What I remembered was at about 7 years old, I was allowed to walk without adults to the downtown shopping center where the library was located. Going to the library was my first experience with independence. We lived in a town called Castro Valley and I lived about a quarter of a mile from this downtown shopping center. The library building was warm and cozy and had a wonderful librarian who helped me choose books. I, too, was a Nancy Drew fan. But what I loved most about the library experience was the feeling of being grown up..... that I was allowed to walk downtown by myself, select books by myself, and also to spend a few nickels at the grocery store to buy myself some sweets.

**Debby Freeman:** Maude Shunk was the librarian and was very kind to me. When she saw me reading all of Carolyn Haywood's books, she gave me the author's address. I kept my note from the author of the Betsey and Eddie books for a long time.

*"I went to the library late one day, just before closing time, when the light outside was already dusky and the place was sleepy and slow...looked around the room at the few people scattered here and there...I felt buoyed by just being there. This is why I wanted to write this book, to tell about a place I love that doesn't belong to me but feels like it is mine, and how that feels marvelous and exceptional. All the things that are wrong in the world seem conquered by the library's simple unspoken promise. Here I am, please tell me your story; here is my story, please listen."*

~ Susan Orlean

*"And when we listen we hear, **hope.**"*

~ Pat Patterson



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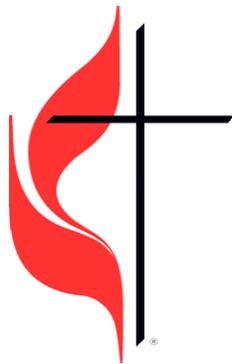
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## "Serving Christ in this Community since 1866"

### Pastor

Pastor Jennifer Murdock

### Sunday Worship

9:15AM Traditional Worship Service  
11AM Open House Contemporary Worship Service

### Children's Ministry

9:15AM & 11:15AM  
(Preschool—Grade 5)

### Childcare

9:15AM and 11:15AM  
Newborn—3 years

### Youth Groups

Sr. & Jr. High

### All Welcome!

### We are a Reconciling Congregation

No one will be excluded from participating in the body of the church because of age, race, ethnicity, culture, religious origins, sexual orientation or challenging conditions.