

# THE BELL



April  
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## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**April 7**  
"Freed"  
Luke 24:13-32

**April 14**  
"Released"  
John 20:19-23

**April 21**  
"Found"  
Luke 24:36-43

**April 28**  
"Healed"  
John 21:1-8

**May 5**  
"Liberated"  
John 21:9-19

**May 12**  
"Calmed"  
Matthew 28:16-20

### PENTECOST

**May 19**  
"Transformed"  
Acts 2:1-21

To worship with us on  
Zoom on Sundays, register  
once at [bit.ly/req4worship](http://bit.ly/req4worship).

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## A SMALL SUCCESS STORY

by Marilyn Singer

The Little Free Pantry, located in the Niles Discovery Church parking lot, is a busy place 24-7. Sometimes its shelves are filled with food, and other times the cupboard is bare. Food appears and disappears. The security camera tells the story as some people ride up for food in the sunshine and others come to check the shelves, charge their cell phones, and fill their water bottles in the dark of the night.



Tri-City Volunteers provides 3 boxes of food weekly that a member of the Homeless Task Force picks up from the Tri-City Volunteer warehouse for distribution in the pantry every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The rest of the food appears from church members and neighbors who come quietly and anonymously.

Thank you to all of you who feed those in need by supporting the pantry and to those who empty the trash and keep it tidy. It's a functioning little miracle that quietly affects the lives of many.

You are invited to participate by putting non-perishable food on the shelves and spreading the word to others who would like to join us by doing small acts of kindness with great love.

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS



Please send announcements and articles as you write them to the office administrator at [admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org](mailto:admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org). Your submission will be posted on our [News blog](#) as they are received, and will be used to create announcements (as appropriate), as well as submitted for the next edition of *The Bell* (if appropriate in terms of timing). The deadline for submissions for the May 2023 edition of *The Bell* is 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 13. In addition to typical newsletter news, we hope to fill each issue of *The Bell* with reflections, photographs, poems, and so forth by members and friends of the congregation.

## CONTACTING THE STAFF

You can call the office 510-797-0895 to leave a message for any staff member. Our Office Administrator, Laurel Wallace can be emailed at [admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org](mailto:admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org). She is typically in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our bookkeeper, Cecilia Le, can be emailed at [cecilia@nilesdiscoverychurch.org](mailto:cecilia@nilesdiscoverychurch.org). She is typically in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m.

You are encouraged to use the pastor's Calendly app to make an appointment for a phone call or a Zoom meeting or to meet in person as you would like; Pastor Jeff's contact information is to the right.

### Pastor Jeff's contact info:

**Mobile:** 510-579-8851

**Make an appointment:**

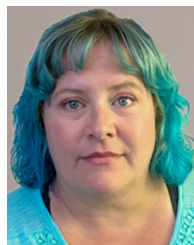
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Le



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Organist**  
Jenny Lin

# UNLOCK YOUR RESURRECTION STORY

by Pastor Jeff

We most often think of Easter as being a day of festivities, of candy and joy, of dressing up and celebrating. And while Easter Sunday is one day, in the church calendar, Easter is 50 days long. That's why, beginning April 7, we will be looking at resurrection stories in the gospels throughout the 50 days of Easter. By looking at these ancient stories of resurrection and contemporary stories of resurrection, we hope each of us can unlock our own resurrection stories.

We will look at how people can be entombed (metaphorically speaking) by imprisonment, addiction, poverty, illness, and oppression – both physically and spiritually – and how God is at work raising them up to new life. I hope you will be inspired and encouraged to live fully as “Easter people.”



In some ways, I expect this series to be about grief, the emotional and spiritual response we have to losses. We know grief best because of death, especially the deaths of people we love. We experience other “deaths” as well: the death of a dream, the death of an image of ourselves that we always thought we would be, the death of connections and identities, the death in the midst of life that involve being captive to death-dealing circumstances or substances. If the church is to be “Good News,” then telling “Resurrection Stories” is part of the Easter message and it’s a good thing the season of Easter lasts seven weeks until Pentecost because we need these hopeful stories so much!

You’ll notice the ubiquity of keys during this series. They are there to remind us to unlock our own resurrection stories. I hope you will be part of this spiritual journey.

## WORSHIP LEADER TRAININGS OFFERED FOR THE 2024-25 SCHEDULE

Each spring, our pastor offers trainings for people who want to be worship leaders in one (or more) of the three roles we have for lay leaders. After the trainings, Pastor Jeff creates a schedule for the year (July-June) with a rotation that is based on the number of volunteers we have and their known conflicts.

If you would like to lead the “Time with the Children” during worship, come to the training on Sunday, April 14, immediately after the worship service, in the sanctuary. Leaders of the Time with the Children are expected to lead from the sanctuary, so there is only this one training on site. It’s helpful if you let Pastor Jeff know you plan to attend.

If you would like to be a liturgist, a role that includes reading the scriptures and typically some other things that vary according to the season, you have two opportunities for training. Because this role can be performed either in person or on Zoom, there are two

training opportunities, one on site and one on Zoom. You can attend either training regardless of how you intend to fulfill the role (on site or on Zoom) when it’s your turn to be liturgist.

The on-site liturgist training will be on Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. (right after the “Planet v. Plastics Luncheon being presented by the Green Team). It’s helpful if you let Pastor Jeff know you plan to attend, though it’s not required. The online training will be on Wednesday, May 1, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Register for the online at

**LITURGIST TRAINING**  
4/28/24, 2:00-3:00 p.m., in the sanctuary  
OR  
5/1/24, 7:30-8:30, on Zoom  
(register at [bit.ly/littrain2024](https://bit.ly/littrain2024))

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN TRAINING**  
4/14/24, 11:00-11:30, in the sanctuary

[bit.ly/littrain2024](https://bit.ly/littrain2024).

The third worship leadership role is Communion Elder. The training for this role is more extensive and is offered when someone wants to become a Communion Elder. If this role interests you, please let Pastor Jeff know. He’ll work with you and the existing Communion Elders to schedule this multiple-hour training.

## ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR JOY BARNITZ

by Pastor Jeff

In the United Church of Christ (one of our denominations), one of the final steps for ordination is for the "Association" (a geographical area, ours is the Bay Association) to hold an "ecclesiastical council" to examine the candidate for ordination to determine if they are called to and ready for ordained ministry on behalf of the denomination. Our own Joy Barnitz, a graduate of Pacific School of Religion, has been a "Member in Discernment" of the

Association for several years as she has journeyed to this moment.

Now, at the request of the Niles Discovery Church Cabinet, the Bay Association has scheduled an Ecclesiastical Council for Joy. It will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Niles Discovery Church. Only official delegates get to vote (our delegates are Val Parker and Joy Barnitz – though Joy won't be voting on *this*). You are still welcome to attend to support

Joy, to welcome delegates and guests from other congregations in the Bay Association, and to watch this part of the church in action. Refreshments and coffee will follow the proceedings.

If you plan to attend, please register in advance at [forms.gle/d7q4pqn5Beymys9J7](https://forms.gle/d7q4pqn5Beymys9J7). You are encouraged to read Joy's Ordination Paper in advance of the Council and which you may access at [bit.ly/joybOP](https://bit.ly/joybOP).

## MINISTRY OF SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS

by Judy Zlatnik

The Ministry of Social Concerns Team is looking forward to meeting with a representative from Sogorea Te' Land Trust. We will be delivering a check of \$1,500 from our Making Amends Fund. We will also be arranging a tour of their site in San Jose.

This year the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark, and Union City is meeting at Niles Discovery Church on the first Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On April 6 the program will be "Facing the Climate Challenge: Action to Save Our Planet." The public is invited to attend.

On May 4, the program will be "Criminal Justice Reform: What's Up at Santa Rita Jail." A guest speaker, Lisa Fernandez, a reporter for the East Bay News, will be part of the program. Lisa's reporting has uncovered many distressing facts about the number of deaths at Santa Rita Jail. Those of us in southern Alameda County often forget that the ultimate responsibility for this jail are the voters of Alameda County who elect the county board of supervisors.

The Ministry of Social Concerns Team hopes you will put these events on your calendar.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

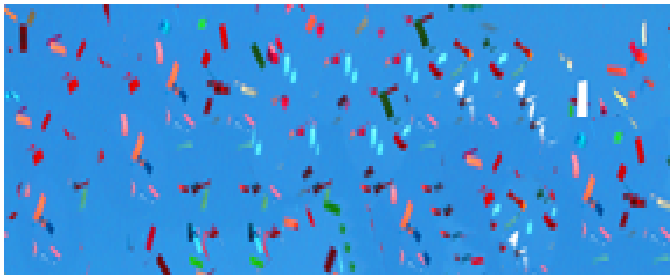


Members and friends of Niles Discovery Church are invited to submit short notices that may be of interest to the rest of the congregation. Note, no commercial notices or partisan political announcements are allowed. Niles Discovery Church makes no representations or endorsements about the events or services listed.

This spring, the **Golden Gate Men's Chorus (the chorus Pastor Jeff sings with)** and **Peninsula Women's Chorus** carry on their mission of bringing the very best of choral music to the Bay Area with Giacomo Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*. Mark your calendars and join us for our spring concert series on May 4 at Mission Santa Clara and May 5 at Mission Dolores Basilica! Tickets are available now at [ggmc.org](https://ggmc.org) and [pwchorus.org](https://pwchorus.org).



... Rich Gallegos and Michael Wirthlin who were married at Niles Discovery Church on Saturday, February 24.



## PRIDE PLACE OF BELONGING GAME NIGHT MOVES TO A SATURDAY NIGHT

by Cindy Sojourner



Anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community is invited to enjoy a Game Night on Saturday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Niles Discovery Church. While an assortment of snacks and board games will

be provided, guests are also welcome, not required, to bring their own favorite games and/or snacks.

Please consider inviting your LGBTQIA+ friends and family members. If they would be more comfortable attending with you, please join them. Children and youth need to be accompanied by a legal guardian, because this is not a designated youth program.

By the way, our Pizza Cook-Off was delicious! We all got to create our own pizzas with our very own choice of toppings. Yum! We are hoping to have a movie night in May but have not yet found the perfect film covered by the church's movie license. If you are interested in joining the planning team, contact Cindy Sojourner at [cindysojourner@gmail.com](mailto:cindysojourner@gmail.com).

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BECOME AN ALLY TO THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

by Cindy Sojourner



To help us all learn to be better allies, our Pride Place of Belonging team is offering an Allyship 101 class on Sunday, April 7, during coffee hour following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will gather in the fellowship hall from approximately 11:10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Pastor Jeff Spencer and Paula Mirando will provide introductory information on the differences between sexual orientations, sex, and gender identity and expression. People who attend will be invited to share questions they have about LGBTQIA+ issues and allyship.

Answers to collected questions will be addressed during Allyship 102 in June. Allyship 103 will be a "biblical self-defense" class that addresses the misuse of the Bible to harm members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Biblical affirmations of love and acceptance will be included. Please plan on attending these three

presentations and inviting your friends and family. Allyship 103 will occur in the fall.

A colorful illustration of a play area with ropes and monkey bars. Several children are shown climbing and swinging. The background is light blue with scattered colorful circles. The number '6' is in a yellow circle in the top left corner.

Niles Discovery Church

Young Family Event on  
Saturday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m.

## Parent's Night Out

Drop children off at church  
for dinner, play time and a movie.

Bring children in PJs with a blanket and soft toy.

Please invite another young family

RSVP to Melissa Palleschi  
510-396-7932, [mpall@comcast.net](mailto:mpall@comcast.net)

### Calling all Parents:

Think about organizing an event for the parents  
while we watch your children.

# SUMMER CAMPS

by Jim Thomas

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The Linked by Love Summer Camp will be held at the Community of the Great Commission Camp. Campers will enjoy swimming, hiking, crafts, games, fun activities, and campfires under the stars. Worship, singing, Bible study, group discussions, and time for personal devotion enrich campers' lives throughout the week. The camps will be combined into one week, the multi age grouping has many benefits including extra attention for the youngest and leadership growth opportunities for the older campers. Please do not let cost be a prohibiting factor, as scholarships from both the Region and our church are available. Contact Beth Armstrong for more information about the Niles Discovery Church camp scholarships.



June 23-27 Junior - Completed 3rd, 4th and 5th grades



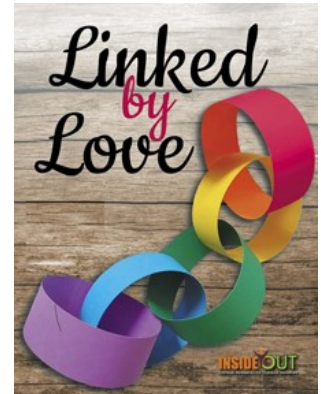
June 23-29 Chi Rho - Completed 6th, 7th and 8th grades



June 23-29 CYF - Completed 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades



June 28-30 JOY - Completed K, 1st and 2nd grades accompanied by an adult



Online registration is now open for CYF, Chi Rho, Junior, and JOY summer camps. This link will take you there: [ccncn.regfox.com/2024-summer-camps](https://ccncn.regfox.com/2024-summer-camps).

Visit [ccncn.org](https://ccncn.org) for more information.

Register before May 29 and be ready to have a fun and spirit-filled time at CGC. We will be looking for *you* as we are *linked by love!*

Information about Adult Camp Registration is coming soon.

## SPEAKER SERIES FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN IS HERE

by Cindy Sojourner

Parents and caregivers of young children often have many questions. The Ministry of Invitation Team in partnership with the Fremont Parents' Nursery School are starting a speakers series to address the most pressing questions and to help us know that we are not alone. Niles Discovery Church and Fremont Parents' Nursery School are excited to bring this series filled with needed skills, insights, and support. Invite your friends and neighbors who are caregivers of young children. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Carrie Williams or Fremont Parents' Nursery School.



Event 1 will feature Julie King presenting, "How to Talk So *Little* Kids Will Listen."

This session will be on April 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the sanctuary & fellowship hall. Julie King will speak from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Discussion break-out sessions will occur from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Event 2 will feature Joshua Jernigan, founder of the Gender Education Network. He will be presenting, "Gender Expressive Play in Early Childhood"

This session will be on April 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall. Joshua Jernigan will speak from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Discussion break-out sessions will occur from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# CLIMATE

## PLANET VS. PLASTICS

by Susie Claxton

The Niles Discovery Green Team along with the Ministry of Hospitality and Fellowship would like to invite everyone to an Earth Day celebration right after worship on Sunday, April 28 in the fellowship hall. There will be plant-based salads, and delicious desserts to enjoy. There will be environmentally friendly products presented and raffle prizes to take home.

Mark your calendars and come join us for a fun afternoon.



## WHY I LOVE RIDWELL RECYCLING COMPANY

by Lynn Miller



Several months ago, a friend turned me on to Ridwell Recycling. I now divert almost all my plastic trash to Ridwell to be used in manufacturing of new products. Even complex layered plastic is taken such as potato chip bags, cereal bags, and dried fruit pouches.

Here's more to love:

- 🌍 They provide canvas bags you fill and are picked up in front of your home every two weeks. (They check if you want a pick-up that week)
- 🌍 Each pick up, they also take batteries, lightbulbs, any clothing or shoes, and a special pickup item.
- 🌍 All communication is effortless by email.
- 🌍 Ridwell offers several plan options, including Styrofoam recycling.
- 🌍 Specialty items are revealed weeks in advance so you can prepare. This time it's books!
- 🌍 And you can choose another special item category (there are 6 each week).
- 🌍 They tell you how the materials they collect are being recycled.

I keep a lined wicker basket in the kitchen, throw everything in there and sort it into their canvas bags as needed. It's simple and feels so good to know it's being recycled. They offer one-month free trial too! Learn more at [ridwell.com/](https://ridwell.com/).

# WORLDWIDE



# FACING THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE: ACTIONS TO SAVE OUR PLANET

by Evelyn LaTorre & Jan Liemert - LWVFNUC Program Committee

The League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark, and Union City invites you to attend this free program, on Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, featuring speakers and local environmental groups presenting what is happening at the international, state, and local levels to save our planet and the opportunities residents might want to get involved with.

Bill McKibben, an international climate activist and author, has recorded a special presentation for Tri-City residents that is sure to inspire. Amos White, founder of 100K Trees for Humanity, a Black led urban reforestation nonprofit, will discuss the effect of planting carbon-absorbing trees. Jasmine Grisanti, student president of Washington High School's Ecology Club, will present what her generation is doing locally to preserve our Earth for future generations. Local environmental groups will be introduced and invited to share news, flyers, and volunteer opportunities within their organizations.

**LWV** LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of FREMONT-NEWARK-UNION CITY  
Sponsors a free event

## Facing the Climate Challenge

Actions to save our planet!

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 10-11:30 a.m.

Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA

Join us to hear from international and local climate activists  
on steps each of us can take to save our precious planet.



Bill McKibben



Amos White

**Bill McKibben**, internationally renowned author, educator, and environmentalist, recorded a special video for Tri-City residents, which is sure to inspire. He is a co-founder of 350.org. and recently founded Third Act. Bill has written over a dozen books about the environment.

**Amos White** is an environmentalist and founder of 100K Trees for Humanity. He is author of the CA Urban Greenbelt Initiative and serves on CALFIRE's Urban Forestry Advisory Committee and the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee.

### Student Environmental Activists

**Jasmine Grisanti**, Founder and President of the Washington High School Ecology Club

**Jyoshika Balaraman**, Captain of the Climate Science Olympiad at American High School

**Sharva Parma**, Treasurer of the Science and Eco Club at American High School

## SPRING BLOOMS

By Priscilla Taylor



## APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING!

### Educating The Next Generation Of Church Leaders

Our April special offering will be split between the Pacific School of Religion and the Disciples Seminary Foundation. The Pacific School of Religion is the nearest seminary that trains future United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ pastors. Disciples Seminary Foundation works with five partner seminaries on the West Coast to provide excellent education, mentoring, networking, and financial support for people preparing to lead in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Your support of these two



educational institutions helps to train the future leaders of our church and our world.

As with all our special offerings, you are welcome to give at any time. You can also do your giving online: go to [nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give](https://nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give) and select this month's special offering from the special offering options. With so many possibilities for special giving, you may need to choose which ones are most important to you. To see the complete schedule of special offerings, please visit [bit.ly/NDCSpecialOfferings](https://bit.ly/NDCSpecialOfferings).

Thanks to your generosity, March's special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing and Week of Compassion raised over \$271 as of the press deadline. Your faithful support is greatly appreciated.



### Second Saturday Documentary Series Presents:

## ADDICTED TO PLASTIC

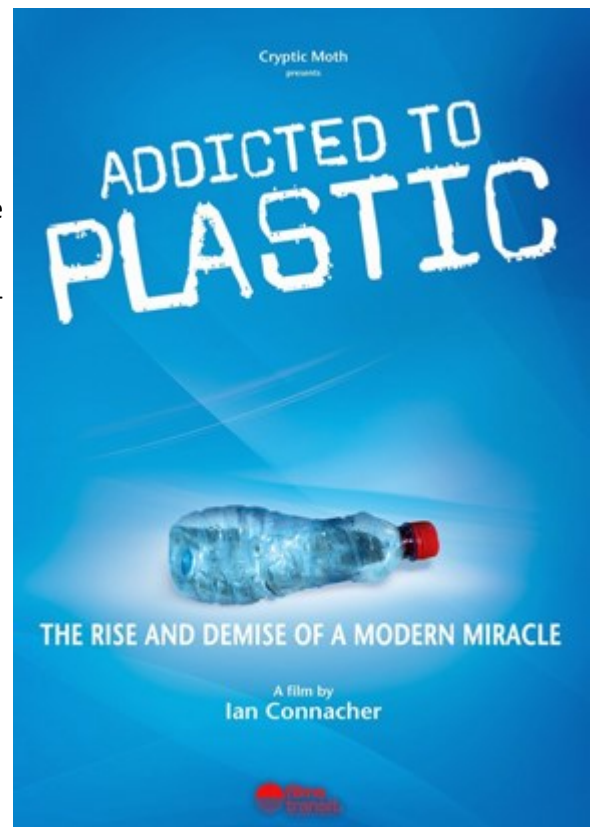
Explore the history of plastic and how it came to dominate our lives.

From styrofoam cups to artificial organs, plastics are perhaps the most ubiquitous and versatile material ever invented. No invention in the past 100 years has had more influence and presence than synthetics. But such progress has come with a cost.

For better and for worse, no ecosystem or segment of human activity has escaped the shrink-wrapped grasp of plastic. *Addicted To Plastic* is a global journey to investigate what we really know about the material of a thousand uses and why there's so darn much of it. On the way, we discover a toxic legacy—and the men and women dedicated to cleaning it up.

*Addicted To Plastic* is a point-of-view style documentary that encompasses three years of filming in 12 countries on 5 continents, including two trips to the middle of the Pacific Ocean where plastic debris accumulates. The film details plastic's path over the last 100 years and provides a wealth of expert interviews on practical and cutting-edge solutions to recycling, toxicity, and biodegradability. These solutions—which include plastic made from plants—will provide viewers with a new perspective about our future with plastic.

Join us on Zoom for a special screening of this documentary, followed by a discussion, Saturday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m. You can register for this screening and others by visiting [bit.ly/SSDSZoom](https://bit.ly/SSDSZoom).



# FELLOWSHIP NEWS



## REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To enhance the safety of your Zoom experience, we typically require advanced registration for Zoom meetings held on the church's Zoom account. You only need to register once for a repeating event. Find the registration links in the descriptions of the scheduled events below.



## MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Monday Morning Bible study continues to Zoom from 11:00 a.m. to noon. The scripture studied is typically the scripture for the coming Sunday's worship service. Everyone is welcome. Register at [bit.ly/mmbstreg](http://bit.ly/mmbstreg).



## CYBER GEEZERS April 24

This is a gathering of retirees who are interested in learning more about computers, the Internet, etc. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, which is April 24 this month, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The group gathers on Zoom. Please contact Jerry Sabo ([jlsabo3@comcast.net](mailto:jlsabo3@comcast.net)) for more information.



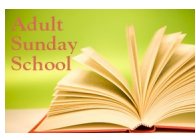
## LAP ROBE TYING GROUP April 24

Come tie lap robes in person on the fourth Wednesday of the month, January to October, from 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. There will be a planned "potluck" lunch. Contact Judy Molander, 925-201-7335, regarding what you plan to bring for the group. This month's meeting is on Wednesday, April 24. Please contact Judy Molander ([jumolander@aol.com](mailto:jumolander@aol.com)) to be added to the group's email list or if you have suggestions for organizations that might want some donated lap robes.



## GREEN TEAM MEETING April 3

You're welcome to join the Green Team, a group leading our congregation to address the climate crisis. They typically meet the first Wednesday of the month, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Zoom. For questions, contact Susie Claxton ([veroclax@sbcglobal.net](mailto:veroclax@sbcglobal.net)) or Bee Newell ([beenewell2@gmail.com](mailto:beenewell2@gmail.com)). Here is the link to the Zoom meeting [bit.ly/greenteamzoom](http://bit.ly/greenteamzoom).



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join the Adult Sunday School each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall for a discussion about the next section of the book they are reading. Contact John Zlatnik at ([jzlatnik49@mac.com](mailto:jzlatnik49@mac.com)) for more information.



## PUZZLE EXCHANGE AND SCRIP SALES

You're welcome to drop by the fellowship hall each Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., to exchange a jigsaw puzzle and/or buy some scrip. Some people stick around to work on a puzzle, just for the fun of it.

**PRAYERS FOR THESE PEOPLE (AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS)  
BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CONCERNS:**



JoAn Parker;  
Sandi Reeder;  
Wally Osborne;  
Charlotte O'Donnell;  
Grace Rankin;  
Nancy Attinger;  
Hermann Attinger;  
Marty Williams;  
Barbara Swint;  
Maria Sicalbo;  
Vickey Kean;  
Jim Vermazen;  
Diane Harvey;  
Barbara P. King;  
Bruce Roeding;  
Diana Roeding;  
George Roeding;  
Veronica Riggs;  
Ginny August;  
Martha LeRoy;  
Judy Zlatnik;  
John Zlatnik;  
Helen Boyer;  
Charlie Smith;  
Becky Moreno;  
Isabel Moreno;  
Penn Boyer;

Isaiah Espinoza-Carter;  
Patsy Finster;  
Diane Kindle;  
Sandra Frisbey;  
Riki & Mark Twist's son-in-law, **Andy Martin**;  
Riki Twist's mother, **Marcia**;  
Riki Twist's brother, **Dave Burch**;  
John Zlatnik's cousin, **Helena Fixova**;  
Barbara P. King's 6-year-old niece, **Gwennie Phelps**;  
Barbara P. King's son, **Jason King**;  
Barbara J. King's great-great-niece, **Kayleigh**;  
**Peter Wilson's dad**;  
the family of Cindy Sojourner's friend, **Saemi**;  
Jasmine Zartman's mother, **Karen Trepte**;  
Shaun Moeller's brother, **Dave Nyman**;  
Ron Adamson's sister, **Joanne Orput**;  
Sharon Yool's former student, **Jennifer Hurd**;  
**Sharon Yool's daughter**;  
Diane Harvey's sister, **Linda**;  
Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Michelle**

**Campbell**;  
Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Andrea Cohen**;  
Priscilla Taylor's father-in-law and mother-in-law, **Steve and Angie Taylor**;  
Rich Gallegos' mother, **Esther**;  
Helen Boyer's sister-in-law, **Marjorie Boyer**;  
Joy Barnitz's friend, **Polly Baxter**;  
Joy Barnitz's friend **Rachel**;  
Susie Claxton's sister, **Caroline**;  
Susie Claxton's sister, **Argyle**;  
**Becky Moreno's brother-in-law Vince**;  
Michael Thomson's sister, **Mary Thomson**;  
Alison Kieft's sister-in-law, **Debbie Thompson**;  
**Alison Kieft's friend Laura's daughter**;  
Alison Kieft's friend, **Terri Sue**;  
**Two of Alison Kieft's friends, a husband and wife**;  
Grace Rankin's brother, **Jim Carstairs**;  
**Katy Wharton's mother**;  
Maria Garnica's brother, **Victor Garnica**;  
Suzy Mahusay's sister, **Jo Carroll**.

**ALL THE SPOUSES, PARTNERS, CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE CARING FOR AND JOURNEYING WITH SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY LOVED ONES (ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE NAMED ABOVE).**

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE WAYS GOD BRINGS HEALING.**

**PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:**

**Kimi Kolbe and her extended family** as they grieve the death of Alison Kieft, Kimi's mom, on January 24;

**Bridget and Ken (and Roy) Lucey-Cose** as they grieve the death of their newborn son Theodore Ember Lucey-Cose on January 11;

**Erin King** as she grieves the death of her father on January 7;

**the family and friends of Kevin Wilbon** as they grieve his death on January 5;

**the family and friends of Janette Anderson** as they grieve her death on January 2 (Jeanette was the wife of Don Anderson, the late Pastor Emeritus of NDC);

**Beth Armstrong**, as she and her family grieve the death of her brother Ken on December 23;

**Delya Lamerson and her family** as they grieve the death of Delya's mother, Les Craig on November 18;

**the family and friends of Kathy Cavalli** who died on November 15;

**Martha McFarland and her family** as they grieve the death of Martha's mother, the Rev. Kay McFarland on October 21;

**Jim Thomas and his family** as they grieve the death of Jim's brother Steve Thomas on October 16.

**OUR CONGREGATION AND ITS LEADERS.**

**PEOPLE (AND ALL OF CREATION) AROUND THE GLOBE SUFFERING FROM HUMAN-MADE DISASTERS AND FROM NATURAL DISASTERS (OFTEN MADE WORSE BY HUMAN ACTION AND INACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS).**

# April 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p><b>Safe Parking</b></p> <p><b>Easter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Easter Sunrise Service</li> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>9:15AM Choir Warm-up</li> <li>10:00AM Worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00AM Bible Study Unit</li> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>7:30PM Ministry Team Meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Committee Meeting</li> <li>7:00PM MPCS and EBPC Rehearsals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>3:30PM Green Team meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30PM Pride Place of Belonging organizing meeting</li> <li>7:00PM ACA Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and SCRIP Sales</li> <li>2:00PM Facilities Cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM ACA meeting</li> <li>10:00AM League of Women Voters</li> </ul>	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p><b>Safe Parking</b></p> <p><b>School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>9:15AM Choir Warm-up</li> <li>10:00AM Worship</li> <li>11:00AM Allship 101</li> <li>6:00PM BSA Troop 112 PLC Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00AM Bible Study Unit</li> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>6:00PM Parent Education Speaker Series</li> <li>7:00PM Finance Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM GNV - Needlework Group</li> <li>7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Meeting</li> <li>7:00PM MPCS and EBPC Rehearsals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>4:30PM SSDS Producers Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00AM Bell Deadline</li> <li>7:00PM ACA Group</li> </ul>	<p><b>BSA Troop 112 Game Night</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00AM Facilities Cleaning</li> <li>1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and SCRIP Sales</li> <li>2:00PM Memorial Service for Doug Ford</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM ACA meeting</li> <li>10:00AM Ecclesiastical Council for Joy Barnitz</li> <li>1:30PM Second Saturday Documentary Series</li> <li>4:00PM Young Family Parents Night Out</li> </ul>	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p><b>Safe Parking</b></p> <p><b>School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>9:15AM Choir Warm-up</li> <li>10:00AM Worship</li> <li>11:00AM Time with the Children Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00AM Bible Study Unit</li> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>7:15PM Cabinet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM MPCS and EBPC Rehearsals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>7:30PM PPRC meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM ACA Group</li> </ul>	<p><b>CCNCN Annual Gathering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and SCRIP Sales</li> <li>2:00PM Facilities Cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM ACA meeting</li> <li>5:30PM AI-Anon Birthday Celebration</li> </ul>	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p><b>Safe Parking</b></p> <p><b>School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>9:15AM Choir Warm-up</li> <li>10:00AM Worship</li> <li>2:00PM Church Coaching Program</li> </ul>	<p><b>Earth Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00AM Bible Study Unit</li> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>6:00PM Parent Education Speaker Series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM GNV-Board of Directors Meeting</li> <li>7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Meeting</li> <li>7:00PM MPCS and EBPC Rehearsals</li> <li>7:30PM Book Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Lap Robe Tying Group</li> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>1:00PM Cyber Geezers</li> <li>7:30PM Care Team meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM ACA Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and SCRIP Sales</li> <li>2:00PM Facilities Cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM ACA meeting</li> <li>6:00PM Pride Place of Belonging Game Night</li> </ul>	
	28	29	30				
<p><b>Safe Parking</b></p> <p><b>School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Adult Sunday School</li> <li>9:15AM Choir Warm-up</li> <li>10:00AM Worship</li> <li>11:00AM Celebrate Earth Day, Planet vs. Plastics</li> <li>2:00PM Liturgist Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00AM Bible Study Unit</li> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00PM MPCS and EBPC Rehearsals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Clean Start Hygiene Unit</li> <li>3:30PM Green Team meeting on Zoom</li> <li>7:30PM Liturgist Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30PM Pride Place of Belonging organizing meeting</li> <li>7:00PM ACA Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and SCRIP Sales</li> <li>2:00PM Facilities Cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM ACA meeting</li> <li>10:00AM League of Women Voters</li> </ul>	



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