



JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

Sonora United Methodist Church



Last month I shared about General Conference and the changes coming for our denomination. This month our Annual Conference Session meets in Sacramento from June 7 to 10th. Sally Bredehoeft is our Lay Member. The annual conference is the basic body in The United Methodist Church and sessions of the annual conference have historically been a time for the people called Methodists to gather, give account to God of the work they have done and their stewardship of the resources God has given them since they last met. It has also been a holy time to discern God's will for their future, a time when persons called to ordained ministry are commissioned and ordained, and both clergy and lay personnel and financial resources are deployed for ministry. Above all, annual conference sessions have been connectional gatherings where the gathered have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and have been revived for God's holy work.

The Annual Conference session will consider legislation (including the creation of a Conference Committee on Tongan Ministry), recognize retiring clergy, celebrate a Memorial service to honor clergy and clergy spouses that have passed during the previous

year, and fix the appointments of pastors to the various charges. I am asking to be excused from attending in person, but my name will be read as I am reappointed to Sonora and Tuolumne/Soulsbyville UMCs.

The ACS 2024 Main Offering, received during the Opening Worship, will establish a scholarship fund at Africa University for young people from the West Angola Conference. Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño shared, "After prayer, research and consultation about the partnership between the California-Nevada and the West Angola Conferences, and by recommendation of those who have been leading this mission relationship, it is a joy to support young people from West Angola through this connectional partnership with Africa University."

Annual conferences are geographically defined and each year, across the denomination, the clergy members of the conference meet with at least an equal number of lay members in their annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, which may last three to five days. The area bishop presides over these meetings. This will be the 176th session of the California-Nevada Annual Conference. This will not generate the news reports like our recent General Conference, but is necessary to keep our connection alive.

Shalom,

Pastor Kevin

Sermon titles and scripture readings for June:

June 2: "Our New Normal"

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

June 9: "Inside-Out Jesus"
Mark 3: 20-35

June 16: Father's Day
"The Parable of the Growing Church"
Mark 4: 26-34

June 23: "In Sorrow and in Rejoicing"
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

June 30: "Standing with the Saints"
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Women's Fellowship



Greetings All,

June looks to be a busy month. Mark your calendars for the following.

Saturday June 8th we will do pre-sorting for the rummage sale. Bring a sack lunch and meet at **11:30** if you can help.

Saturday June 15th at 10:00 am is the next cooking day for Beans and Rice and Jesus Christ. Menu to be decided.

Friday June 21st will be the setup day for the rummage sale starting at **1:00 pm**.

Saturday June 22nd is the sale day from **8:00 am until 2:00 or 3:00 pm**.

Lorraine is planning to be here for the setup and sale day and will ask Laura Mansfield to help as well.

I am signing people up to help if able with any of these events.

Please let me know if you are available.

We have received lots of donations so far for the sale. Any **clean usable items** should be **brought to church no later than the sorting day** if possible.

Thank you all in advance for always pitching in.

Blessings,
Karla Wasson



June Birthdays

Alice Townsend 6/4

Iain Williams 6/5

Wendy Buckman 6/6

Anniversary

Wendy and Dave Buckman 6/29/1985

June is such a wonderful month! The flowers and trees are still filled with moisture...growing and flourishing. We can still plant new plants and not expect to see them dry up immediately. When July and August get here, things will be a bit more dry, and flowers will not last as long. HOPEFULLY, if you're anything like me, the new dryness will keep our noses from running. I don't know about you, but my allergies have been raging for the past 2 months.

Just as our gardens are growing...so, too, is our church. We have had several new people come to worship, and we are so glad to welcome them. Also, the Union Democrat has just included information on our Beans & Rice program, as well as our Quigong class on Fridays. I was astonished to see these wonderful notices in the paper this week. I sent this information to the Democrat last January, but became discouraged when the newspaper never picked them up. I don't know if one of you ALSO sent this information to them more recently, but the articles were very informational and I hope to see that we are attracting more people to our wonderful church. When you have something good, you want to share it. Sonora United Methodist is definitely SOMETHING GOOD.

I hope that all of you get a chance to get some rest, and are able to see some new places this summer. My family and I will be going to Baja California (an area that we have not explored before). We are fortunate to have been asked to join our son and his wife on this trip (we are so blessed). But, wherever you go, know that all of us in the church, are praying for our God to watch over you, and to bring you back to join with us again, in the worship of our God. You are precious to us – remember that. *Nancy*

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