

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Events:

Mon. 6:00pm	Gerry's Quilt Class, Criswell Hall
Tue 9:00am	Tai Chi, Criswell Hall
10:00am	Sew 'n Sews & Crafts ,McMillen Room #113
11:00am	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
7:00pm	Trustees, McMillen Room #113
7:30pm	Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
Wed. 9:00am	Church Work Morning
10:00am	Fellowship Ministry, Library
5:30pm	Worship Team, McMillen Room #113
Thu. 9:00am	Fast walking & Tai Chi, Criswell Hall
11:00am	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
5:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri. 10:00am	Knitting & Crocheting Parks & Recreation, Criswell Hall
10:00am	Plantel Tour, Meet at Church 9:20am
Sat. 4:00pm	4pm –6pm Youth Group Empty Bowls at Evelyn & Deb's home
Sun. 8:30am	Informal Worship Service
10:30am	Traditional Worship Service

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Trustees
September 06th will be hosted by Worship Team

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	Weekly Needed \$7,740
Aug 02	35	87	122	31	153	\$7,504
Aug 09	45	68	113	13	126	\$11,825
Aug 16	43	72	115	42	157	\$8,349
Aug 23	42	83	125		125	\$2,657
YTD Received: \$57,058						YTD Needed \$61,920

Assisting in today's service – Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson
Liturgist: Patti Melsheimer, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler,
Sound Tech: Adrian Paredes, **Video:** Susan Thronson
Special Music: Dave & Carolyn Anderson, **Song Leader:** Dave & Carolyn Anderson



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August 30, 2026

10:30 am

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors
The People of The United Methodist Church



PRELUDE “Children’s Song Medley” By. Mark Hayes

INTROIT “All Hail King Jesus” TFWS # 2069

CALL TO WORSHIP*
[Liturgist] Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.
[All] God, help us accept your call on our lives.
[Liturgist] Sometimes God calls us, and we don’t understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.
[All] God, help us accept your call on our lives.
[Liturgist] Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.
[All] God, help us accept your call on our lives.
[Liturgist] God’s call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God’s call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.
[All] God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING HYMN* “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” TFWS #2223
(Vs 1,2,3,4)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Still Be My Vision” Arr. Rebecca Belliston

SCRIPTURE Mathew 16:21-28

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT
We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus.
Deb Bradley, Youth Teacher proclaimer
Mary Thronson, Children’s Teacher

O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children.
May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.

A TIME OF PRAYER
Call to Prayer “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” No. 334
Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Response “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” No. 334

SERMON: Following Christ

OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory “Cantilena ” By Robert Lau
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN* “The Servant Song” TFWS #2222

BENEDICTION*
[All] When the path is easy and when the path is rough, when God calls through a burning bush or a still, small voice or a loving rebuke, remember: you are not alone. May God bless us with the courage and humility to accept God’s call and with the assurance that if God calls us, God will equip us. Amen.

RESPONSE “Bind Us Together” TFWS #2226

POSTLUDE “Who Is On The Lords Side/ Royal Banner Reichardt/McGranahan

*Please stand as able



I would like to deeply express thank you to Pastor Wes and the Congregation for all your sincere prayers & cards and support during this difficult time on the passing of my two

Great-granddaughters

Kylie Wetmore, Kloie Westmore
and their mother Vanessa Wetmore

On Behalf of Bobbi Merris & Family

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Speaks about His Suffering and Death

21 From that time on Jesus began to say plainly to his disciples, “I must go to Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. I will be put to death, but three days later I will be raised to life.”

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “God forbid it, Lord!” he said. “That must never happen to you!”

23 Jesus turned around and said to Peter, “Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my way, because these thoughts of yours don't come from God, but from human nature.”

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me.

25 For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake, you will find it.

26 Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not! There is nothing you can give to regain your life.

27 For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will reward each one according to his deeds.

28 I assure you that there are some here who will not die until they have seen the Son of Man come as King.”

UPCOMING EVENTS :

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| Fri. Sep 4 | Plantel Nursery Tour, Santa Maria, 10am, Meet at church 9:20 |
| Sat.Sep12 | Dana Adobe History Day. Carpool from church at 9:30 |
| Sun. Sep13 | Volunteer Appreciation Sunday after 2nd service. Includes lunch and games. |
| Sat.Sep 26 | District Women's Retreat at our church |
| SunOct 4 | Friendly Neighborhood Band Concert, 3PM |
| Sun.Oct 25 | Alternative Christmas Boutique, after both services |
| Mon. Oct 26 | Little Pink Houses of Hope Dinner |
| Nov 6-8 | Boutique |
| Sat.Nov14 | John Lindsey presentation on El Nino. 10:30 |
| Sun. Dec6 | Friendly Neighborhood Band Concert 3pm |
| Tue. Dec 8 | Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.1pm, Advance on-line signup required. |
| Thu, Dec17 | Alternate date: Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. 1pm, Advance on-line signup required. |