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God is Still Speaking

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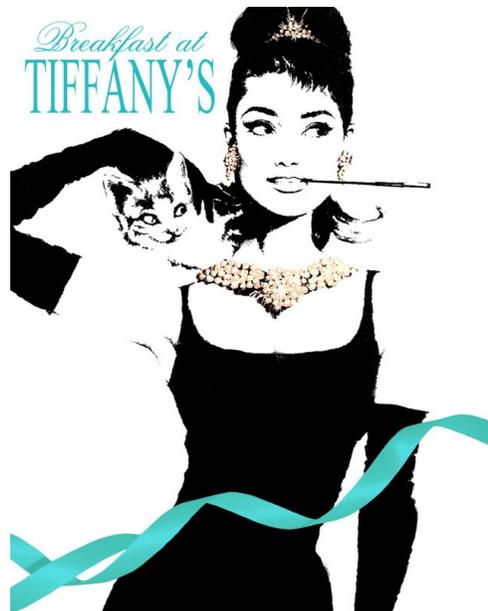
A Monthly Publication of the United Church of Cloverdale
 An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ (UCC)
Continuing Testament Extravagant Welcome Changing Lives

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 If you have items or services you would like to donate
 forms are available in the sanctuary at
 Sunday Services and during office hours.**



Grace and Peace to you from God, the Creator, Jesus, our Savior and Teacher,
and the Holy Spirit that guides you. Amen!

Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God. (Matthew 5:14-16 selected verses)



The second week of my return from your generous gift of six weeks time off with pay has begun. I must tell you, I am so grateful this and the many others ways you showed us compassion. Your cards, hug alerts, gift of food brought to the house, gift cards and money, made life so much easier, as we attempted to navigate through the darkness of our loss. Thank you!! We are still deep in the darkness and know it will be quite long to reach some light. So with that in mind I want to share what the future looks like.

First, let me say, while I was away, per Katie's wishes we held 2 memorial services, one in Lodi at our house and the second in Kansas. While in Kansas, Chris rented a UHAUL, we loaded up it with all the stuff from Katie's apartment, and drove 30 hours back to CA. We moved all that stuff into our home in Lodi where Chris is now living, because he works out of Sacramento.

Our grandchildren, Rayne and Grayson, are living with us, here in Cloverdale. Rayne is attending Washington Middle School, and Pamela resigned her position as a Patients' Rights Advocate for Mendocino County, to be a full time caregiver for Grayson. Though plans are somewhat up in the air, it looks as though somewhere before the fall, Pamela and the grandkids will move to Lodi so that Rayne can attend the STEM school Katie taught at and she attended. This was Rayne's request. I will continue to live at the house here and we will balance the back and forth to see each other.

As you can guess this is a huge change in our lives; but one you have to make. Making it though requires a rethinking of the future. At least for the near future, empty nest, is not going to be an issue for us! It is however, not what we saw our later years looking like.

In terms of my ministry, I don't see it being affected. In some ways being back to work helps distract the mind from other things pressing in. I do know until Pamela's broken foot heals there will be Dr. appointments to attend.

Let me close by saying what I have said to you in worship, though we all need your prayers and support Pamela as a mom is still in an extremely fragile state. She needs it more in my eyes.

Thanks again for your support!!

Love and Blessings,

Jack

Notes from the Annual Meeting

Our Covenant with God and each other is now as follows:

“We at United Church of Cloverdale will treat one another with courtesy, encouragement, tolerance, compassion and love. We will strive to bring out the best in ourselves, in each other, and in our church. This will be evident in the ways in which we speak and interact as individuals, as a church, and in the community. At the same time, we expect our diverse church to include differing viewpoints. We will seek to create an atmosphere of trust and confidence to encourage ideas and discussion while respectfully showing love and compassion toward one another. We welcome God to be our mentor and guide in these relationships.”

Elected to office are Bob Timm, Moderator; Marilyn Michelin, Clerk; and Richard Werner has agreed to be Moderator Elect for 6 months while we continue to search for someone who can take this job. Candidates for two Members at Large for the Council have been suggested by the congregation and are being contacted for assent.

Our visit from David Irvine from Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County was a wonderful experience and I think every one in attendance was very impressed with the work Habitat does. We collected a special offering and were able to send \$1569.00 to Habitat for Humanity in Sonoma County! If you want to learn more visit their website www.habitatsoco.org

Community Projects

Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County partners with local non profits and other community organizations to provide affordable construction solutions.

Aging in Place is a home repair program serving individuals 62+.

Habitats Goals are to;

- Serve more families through an expanded array of housing products.
- Demonstrate an improved quality of life in the communities where we serve.
- Broaden the base of Habitat’s financial support.
- Increase volunteer participation.



If you’re interested in learning more about Neighborhood Revitalization, email k.dayton@habitatsoco.org.



WE NEED YOU!

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall

9:40 at the front or the back door

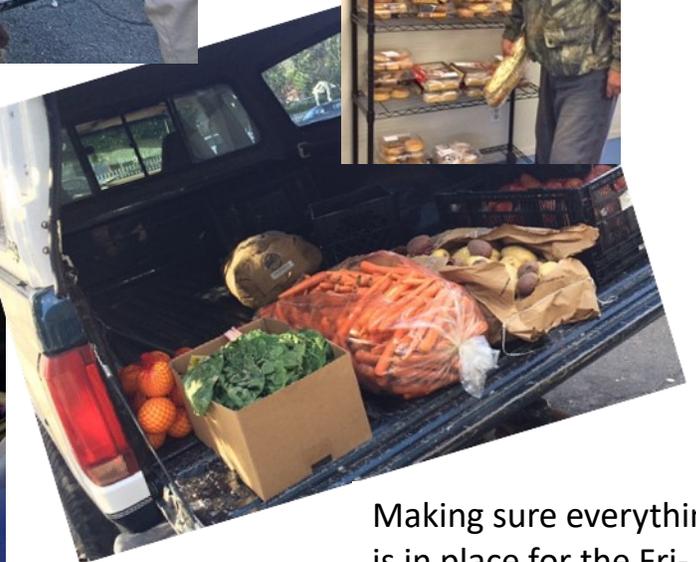
Wear your name tag and a smile!

A WEEK IN THE

UCC is responsible for Feb., June and Oct. During our months, volunteers are busy nearly every day. This is what goes on during a typical week in the lead-up to the Friday distribution.



Cleaning the pantry, discarding outdated products, several trips a week to Santa Rosa and to the various donors in Cloverdale to pick up food, stocking the shelves.



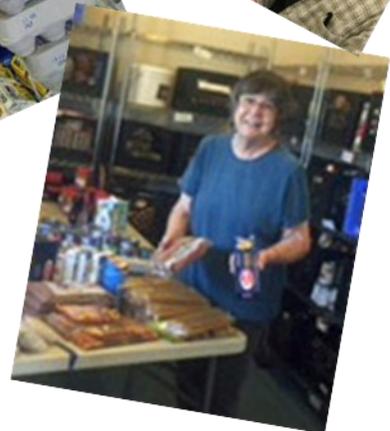
Making sure everything is in place for the Friday distribution.

FOOD PANTRY

Friday distribution is from 1:00 – 3:00. So many different volunteers are there each Friday (this is only a sample of one week). Taking food out of the freezer and 'fridge, checking clients in and helping them "shop", and being the face of our church.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



It's been a busy week, but it's all worth it!

And now the troops are ready to wrap things up and start on the next week.

An invitation to be a part of our 2018 ...

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EVERYONE is encouraged to offer a donation and / or participate in some way. If you feel hosting an event is too much for you; please consider asking someone to partner with you...many hands make light work. A **Donation Form** is included below.

Here are some suggestions for donations:

Service: Bouquets of flowers delivered to someone’s home; “4 hours of “Mr. Fix-It””; baked goods, delivered; a brunch/dinner delivered or served at purchaser’s home; dump run; cord of wood, split and delivered; art or craft class; massage; a caregiver’s day out, car wash.

EVENTS: HOST A BACKYARD BBQ; A THEME DINNER OR BRUNCH FEATURING REGIONAL, SEASONAL, OR ETHNIC DISHES; A CARD PARTY; WINE TASTING & HORS D’OEUVRES; COOKING CLASSES; A HOLIDAY EVENT, SUCH AS HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY OR A CHRISTMAS TEA; ORGANIZE A FIELD TRIP TO AN EVENT OR POINT OF INTEREST (SERVE PICNIC LUNCH AND ACT AS TOUR GUIDE); GOLF TOURNAMENT; TAILGATE PRE-BALLGAME PARTY.

Silent Auction Items: Popular items have included a weekend “get-away”, a bottle of premium wine, cakes & pies, arts and crafts, gift certificates (vet services, massage, haircut, restaurants. etc.), a gift basket, herb garden, and movie theater or concert tickets. We’ll charge an appropriate amount for your offering to benefit the church. **Please, NO “White Elephants” or “Priceless Art”.** Think **“This is something that I would like to buy for myself”.**

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When you host an event, the money you spend on the event is tax-deductible; you should fill out a Non-Cash Contribution Form with your receipts attached and submit it to the Treasurer after your event. Your expenses will be show on your Statement of Giving to United Church. The form is available in the church office or contact the Church Treasurer.

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Donation Form
Time and Talent Dinner - Saturday, April 21, 2018
“Breakfast at Tiffany’s”

I / We offer the following for:

Event **Service** **Silent Auction** **(Please write legibly)**

Description (be specific):

Event **Date(s):** _____ Event **Time:** _____

It is best to have dates finalized. We ask that you do not indicate TBA (to be announced)

EVENT LOCATION: _____

Number of people, items/services: _____ Event Cost per person: \$ _____

Estimated Market Value: \$ _____ Suggested Minimum Bid: \$ _____

Donor’s Name(s): _____

Address: _____

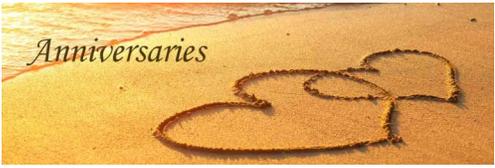
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Place this form in the Sunday offering plate, or return it to the Church Office not later than Friday, March 30th.

MEETINGS & EVENTS



- 3/3 Men's breakfast 8am *Zini's Diner*
- 3/11 Indivisible Group Meeting 3-4:30pm *Fellowship Hall*
- 3/14 Project Linus 9:30am *Corzine Home*
- 3/18 Council Meeting, After Services *Fellowship Hall*
- 3/21 Women's Breakfast, 8:30am *Zini's Diner*



3/26 Roy & Mimi Domke



- Denaire Nixon 3/2
- Robbyn Graddy 3/12
- Barbara Sibio 3/19

REGULAR BUILDING USE

Sundays

- Morning Worship 10am *Sanctuary*
- Casa de Christiana 5-8 pm *Sanctuary*
- NA Meeting 7pm *Christian Education Bldg.*

Monday-Friday

"The Flour Girl" *Kitchen & Pantry*

Tuesday-Friday

Church Office is Open 8:00am-1:30 pm

Tuesdays

- Coro de Paz Children's Choir 4pm *Fellowship Hall*
- Music Together 5:30pm *Fellowship Hall*
- Celebration Choir rehearsals 7pm *Fellowship Hall*
- NA Meeting 7:30pm *Christian Education Bldg.*

Wednesdays:

- Music Together 10:30am *Fellowship Hall*
- Teen Clinic 1:30-4pm *Fellowship Hall*

Thursdays

Thrift Shop Open 10am-3 pm

Fridays

- High School Breakfast 7-7:45am *Fellowship Hall*
- Casa de Christiana Bible Study 7pm *Sanctuary*
- NA Meeting 7:30pm *Christian Education Bldg.*

Saturdays

- Thrift Shop Open 10am-3pm
- Music Together Class 10:30am *Fellowship Hall*

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submit to the uccoffice@sbcglobal.net by the 15th of the month preceding the publication date. Articles submitted after the deadline without prior approval will be published the following month.

We Hold in Prayer

Lori Serrano; Conny Welch; Barbara Sibio;
 Nancy Randolph; Holly' Werner and family;
 Shelby Kennedy; Jules and Mary Volper;
 Paul Lane; Roy & Mimi Domke; Bob & Barbara Goepel
 Bill & Ginny Corzine; AmyJo & CoRina Hendrickson;
 Jilloni & Rodney Hopkins
 Jack and Pamela Dawson & their Family
 Family and Friends of Debbie white

Prayer and Pastoral Care Requests

When someone is in need of special prayers or pastoral care please contact, (with the permission of the person), the Church Office, Pastor Dawson, or the Moderator, Bob Timm, This allows the Pastor or Moderator to identify the nature of the concern and provide immediate response for pastoral care that may be needed in addition to the request for prayer. At all times discretion, respect for privacy, and confidentiality is used. The members of the Prayer Tree will continue to pray for this person throughout the week. By permission only the names of these folks will be listed in the Sunday Bulletin and Ivy Vine. **Please do not leave a message. Do leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted for details.** Call the Church Office Tuesday-Friday 894-2039 8:30am-1:30pm leave your name and phone number Pastor Jack, cell phone 209-329-4971 clovepator@sbcglobal.net You can also submit prayer requests on our website uccloverdale.org



*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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MY CHECKLIST FOR MARCH

- ◇ Time and Talent Donation Form
- ◇ Volunteer to be a Greeter
- ◇ Put Time and Talent on your calendar for April!
- ◇ Easter Memorial Flowers! Forms at services and in the office!