

**Ojai United  
Methodist  
Church**

**120 Church Rd  
Ojai, CA 93023**

# THE MOUNTAIN VIEW

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018

## **PASTOR'S CORNER!**

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Greetings Ojai UMC Family,

I can honestly say that these first two months have flown by! The amount of love that has been showered upon Nick and I since our arrival has been more than we could ever have imagined. We are loving all that we have discovered in Ojai thus far - from the coffee shops to the hiking trails, from Ojai Pizza to Papa Lennon's. So, from the bottom of our grateful hearts, we are thankful.

It is very clear that this church has an undeniable zeal for building relationships with one another, participating on this messy yet beautiful Christian faith journey, and growing in God's abundant love. It has also been such a delight getting to know each of you through authentic conversations and joyful interactions. And now that summer has come to an end, we must keep this energy up for the fall season!

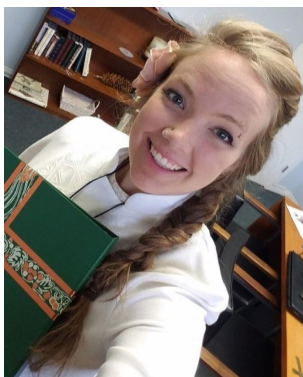
If these past two months have taught me anything, it is that we all must put forth an effort to create a church that thrives on fruitful ministry. Here are some things that you can do to make a positive impact in this community:

- Invite someone to join you for church. Personal invitation is how we grow!
- Remain eager for newness and open to change. These things are nearly inevitable!
- Continue with your gracious monetary support. Your funding sustains our ministries!
- Share any ministry ideas or dreams. Your voice matters!
- Know that your prayers have power. And don't forget it!

I truly look forward to what this upcoming season has in store for us. It is a blessing and a humbling experience to be living, loving, and learning with Ojai United Methodist Church.

Peace always,

Pastor Rachel



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
OJAI UMC'S**

# **RALLY DAY!**

**Join us for face painting,  
games, and a potluck!**

## **WHEN:**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018  
after 10:15am worship**

## **WHERE:**

**Ojai United Methodist Church  
120 Church Rd**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [OJAIUMC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OJAIUMC@GMAIL.COM)**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

## September

Peter Sowa	2nd
Louise Shaffer	6th
Bob Unruhe	12th
Pastor Rachel	19th

## October

Norma Mitrany	1st
Greg Boverson	3rd
Linda Harris	5th
Geri Singer	6th
Kathy Davis	19th
Michael Marks	19th
Nancy Cutler	20th
Laurie King	22nd
Bret Keller	24th
Pauline Malos	27th



Ministry Initiative for Healthy Living

Get Moving with



The same super fun dance workout with Latin and world music just slower and lower impact. Perfect for Seniors, beginners and those with joint issues and anyone who hasn't exercised in a while. Anyone can do it, really! Zumba Gold can even be done seated.  
Led by Lorraine Mariz

**Mondays 10am to 11am**

Ojai United Methodist Church  
120 Church Rd, Ojai  
(805)646-3528

**Everyone Welcome!**

\$5.00 per class

**Ojai UMC members are FREE!**

Contact Lorraine  
javajoeojai@yahoo.com  
(805)216-4306



All are welcome to join us on the last Sunday of each month from 3pm—5 pm for Bingo! Our friendly spin on the game is that each of us brings a small wrapped, or in a bag, gift (approx. \$5, new items only). The suggested donation is \$1 per bingo card with a maximum of 3 cards. As the game is played, if you have a bingo, you select one of the gifts. After all the gifts have been taken, time permitting, we continue to play and you can take away a gift (that has now been opened) from someone else.

It has been a great opportunity for those in attendance to talk, laugh and have fun. We encourage you to ask a friend to join you.

Snacks and drinks are provided. If you have any questions at all, please contact Linda Harris at (805) 272-8644. We look forward to seeing you!!



'Like' us on Facebook and recommend our page to your friends – let's help spread the word! You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/OjaiUMC>



## Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8am/Peterson Hall

Our Rummage Sale is our Fall fund raiser and an opportunity for us to clean out our used or unwanted items at home. If you have a donation of goods for the sale, but you need assistance to bring it to church, please contact Linda Harris at (805) 272-8644.

We hope you will plan to attend to check out possible wonderful finds for yourself, or to help assist on this day. A sign up sheet will be passed during church mid September. So start looking around to see what you no longer need or want! It is for an excellent cause...Ojai United Methodist Church!

## God's Girls



God's Girls will be gathering on Wednesday, September 12th at Casa de Lago in Ojai at 6pm. Please RSVP to either Judy Jansson at (805) 649-9760 or Mary Kelly at (805) 765-0107. Our October gathering will be decided at the September dinner.



As of August 9, 2018, the current amounts held in savings for ongoing projects are as follows:

- Parking Lot Fund: \$22,007.68\* (See note below)
- Parsonage Improvements: \$5,039.55\*
- Church Improvements: \$1,464.12\*
- CAP/Family Shelter fund: \$147.11
- Growth Fund: \$1,000.00

Facility Use to date: \$5,592.50

Note: Loan was taken from this account to remodel one bathroom at the parsonage. \$500 has been repaid with a remaining balance of 3,775.00.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the funds listed above for continued, much needed improvements, should designate on their check the name of the fund you wish to support.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
MARIE FORREST, TREASURER**





## OJAI FOOD PROJECT

The Ojai Food Project is an ongoing ministry of Ojai UMC, and I can not thank you enough for your ongoing support. The most needed items normally remains consistent with the list to the left. With the holidays right around the corner, your donations really make a difference in people's lives.

You may continue to bring in your food donations leaving them in the basket in the Narthex. **September 20ths if our next delivery date!** God bless you and your generosity.

- Linda Aldous/Member of OUMC

Hubmaster of Help of Ojai, Community Assistance Program

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Peanut Butter  
Pasta  
Rice  
Pasta Sauce  
Canned Raviolis  
Canned Tuna  
Spam  
Vienna Sausages  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Bottled Water  
Ensure Drinks (any flavor)  
Chips (small bags)  
Brown paper bags

***Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22.9***

### **READINESS 360 PROJECT**

The Church Council met with Rev. Petty via Skype on Tues., August 4th to continue the exploration of creating interesting events for our members that would also allow us to invite friends or family to join us in worship. Seeing new faces and youth has been a joy over the past two months. Pastor Rachel will be hosting a Membership Class on Sept. 4th at 6pm in the Fireside Room. This class is open to current members and people interested in learning more about the Methodist Church. This class will be an ongoing opportunity and future classes will be announced in the bulletin. **Our goal is to have one person join our church each month!** You can help by inviting a friend(s) or family member(s).

Our Rally Day celebration will be Sunday, September 16th, and much work is going into this event to make it fun for one and for all. Please plan to join us for the Pot Luck lunch that will be served after our worship service. There will be games, crafts and prizes!!!

The Church Council welcomes the participation of our members to help with ideas for future events, or to help plan and coordinate an event we have on our calendar. You can call the church office, or write on the bulletin insert that marks you were here, to share what you think.



~ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST ~

**For strength and health:** Lori Prince, Jack Smith (friend of Greg Stafford), Samuel DePalma (friend of Chris Gillmon), Donna McLeod (friend of Linda Harris), Roddlick Family as Robert undergoes back surgery, Monica Hayes's Grandmother, Linda Brown (sister of Marlene Spencer) and Pam Lambert (sister-in-law of Marlene Spencer), Joan Hager's cousin, Marjorie Wichman, Laurie King, Steve (grandson-in-law of Wilma Coke), Pat Johnson, Jean Griffin (sister of Bob Tholl), Peggy & David (sister & brother-in-law of Joy Coggleshall), Grandmother of Emily Miller, Nancy Dennis, Carol Longhom, Snyder family (friends of Laurie King), Pauline Malos, Nancy Scantlebury, Sandy (sister of Carol Longhom), Crystal Ward, Shannon Lott, Bobbie McMullen, Millie Morris, Deborah Hicks, Joy Bodell, Robin Chambliss, Passing of Leon (a friend of Jennie Leidig), Passing of Kenny (cousin of Linda Aldous).

**For those unable to attend church:** Marjorie Wichman, Bob Unruhe, Norma Mitrany, Alan Spencer, Ruth Avakian, Elaine Nelson and Jeanne Keyser.

**Other prayers:** Requests by NHS Faculty and Students; Lisa Church, people and their families affected by natural disasters, victims of terrorism, and Noah's Ark Staff & families.

**Prayer List Updates:** Please submit Prayer requests to the church office: [ojaiumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:ojaiumcpastor@gmail.com) or 805-646-3528.



~REFLECTIONS OF GOD'S LOVE~

Reflections of God's Love abound in our congregation, and those who deserve acknowledgement are many!

- Kenzie & Preslee Hayes for taking on the responsibility of becoming Acolytes. Members of the congregation are delighted to see their beautiful smiles as they light our candles for our Worship service.
- Ryan Hayes, Art Harris, Bob Tholl, and Nick and Pastor Rachel deBos-Haigler for their hard work preparing our campus for Camp Noah.
- Monica Hayes and Pastor Rachel and the many UMCOR volunteers that worked hard during the heat of summer to ensure that Camp Noah was a success and created lasting memories for all who attended.
- Nick deBos—Haigler for wearing a long robe and long gray wig to take on the role of Noah during Camp Noah. His portrayal was Oscar worthy and done in temperatures in the upper 90's.
- Marie Forrest for arranging meals deliveries to our members who were recovering at home after illness or surgery. All the members that participated in taking the meals to those that needed it.
- All the volunteers that serve as Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Preparation and Audio.

## Trustee's Report

In preparation for Camp Noah which was held the week of August 6-10th, much work was done on the church campus. Four of the trees on the Church Street side of the sanctuary were trimmed and cleaned out of dead branches. The concern was that the dead branches could snap and fall to the ground, potentially injuring someone. The added benefit is that you can see the church building clearly from the El Roblar/Maricopa intersection.

A work crew was also assembled to clean up behind the church shed, which is behind Noah's Ark. The work included cutting down weeds and cutting tree branches in that area. The crew stacked wood used for the fire pit with the existing wood pile. Old and broken tables, and fence sections from Noah's Ark, were loaded up and taken to the dump along with the branches from the trimmed trees and weeds. Needless to say, the area needed the attention which it received. When finished, the area was more inviting to our guests who participated in Camp Noah.

New light fixtures have been installed in the kitchen, janitor's room, Sew and Sew room, and the sacristy area in preparation for new LED light bulbs. OUMC had been in contact with Southern California Edison regarding retrofitting the majority of the fluorescent light bulbs in the church offices, Peterson Hall, and Noah's Ark with the more energy efficient LED light bulbs. The week of August 27th, a contractor for SCE came to OUMC to complete the retrofit. SCE replaced over 315 fluorescent light bulbs with LED light bulbs at no cost to OUMC. The cost savings to OUMC was in excess of \$10,000.00 for the LED lights. Thank you Southern California Edison!

During the week of August 27th, the windows in the parsonage were replaced with new dual pane windows. Not only does it improve the look of the exterior of the parsonage, it will also save on heating and air conditioning costs for the parsonage as well.



### Scenes from Camp Noah - OUMC 8/6 - 8/10/2018



Special thanks to Heidi Amundson and Carmen Hortiales from UMCOR for bringing this special event to the Ojai Valley.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON, MONDAY - THURSDAY. CLOSED FRIDAYS.**

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Sun Sept 2, 2018**

10am Worship - Sanctuary  
Blessing of the Backpacks!  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

Mon Sept 3, 2018

LABOR DAY - Office Closed  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

Tues Sept 4, 2018

6pm - New Member Class (FR)

Thurs Sept 6, 2018

7:45am — Parent Coffee Hour — Patio

Fri Sept 7, 2018

12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club

**Sun Sept 9, 2018**

10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

Mon Sept 10, 2018

10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)  
6:30pm Ojai Chorus Rehearsal (S)

Wed, Sept 12, 2018

6pm - God's Girls/Casa del Lago/ Ojai

Fri Sept 14, 2018

7:45am — Parent Coffee Hour — Patio  
10am - Oak View Bridge Club

**Sun Sept 16, 2018**  
***Rally Day!!!***

10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
Pot Luck Lunch! Games! Prizes!

Mon Sept 17, 2018

10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

Wed Sept 19, 2018

7pm - Church Council Meeting (FR)

Fri Sept 21, 2018

12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Sept 23, 2018**

10am Worship-Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

Mon Sept 24, 2018

10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

Fri Sept 28, 2018

12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Sept 30, 2018**

10am - Worship-Sanctuary  
11:30am - Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
3pm - BINGO (PH)

## **OCTOBER**

Fri Oct 5, 2018

12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Oct 7, 2018**

10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

Mon Oct 8, 2018

10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

Fri Oct 12, 2018

12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

Sat Oct 13, 2018

8am - Rummage Sale! (PH)

**Sun Oct 14, 2018**

10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

Mon Oct 15, 2018

10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

Fri Oct 17, 2018

12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Oct 21, 2018**

10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am - Coffee Fellowship - Patio

Mon Oct 22, 2018

10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

Fri Oct 26, 2018

12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Oct 28, 2018**

10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am - Coffee Fellowship  
3pm - BINGO (PH)

Mon Oct 29, 2018

10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

