

**Ojai United  
Methodist  
Church**

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# THE MOUNTAIN VIEW

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## **PASTOR'S CORNER!**

Greetings Ojai United Methodist Church and friends,

My name is Rachel deBos-Haigler and I am your new pastor. My husband, Nick, and I are elated to be moving to Ojai Valley as residents, as your neighbors, and as followers of Jesus Christ. What a blessing for us to be here! It has been seven years since I have lived in the state of California as I moved from state to state on the East Coast while navigating my call into ordained ministry. Little did I know that those years would lead me to Ojai United Methodist Church, and I could not be more thrilled!

A few fun facts to help you get to know me:

1. I was recently commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church on June 16, 2018.
2. Nick and I share a common love for our dog, Alfie. He is a sweet soul who loves cuddles!
3. I recently graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary on May 7, 2018.
4. Participating in art projects of any kind lights up my soul.
5. Nick and I traveled through 20 states this summer on two epic road trips.

I believe God is good, loving, and equips us in all moments of our lives. Let this period of transition, change, and newness bring glory to God through lament and joy. I pray that we actively engage in extending and receiving grace with one another as this community moves through a period of change. I am eager to build relationships, to hear your stories, and to open my heart fully to this new and holy space.

Peace,

Pastor Rachel





~ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST ~

*For strength and health:* Nancy Dennis, Mark & Crystal Ward, Shannon Lott, Mary Kelly, Bobbie Mc Mullen, Millie Morris, Deborah Hicks, Butch Lambert, Joy Bodell, and Robin Chambliss.

*For those unable to attend church:* Bob Unruhe, Norma Mitrany, Alan Spencer, 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 family facing traumatic triggers.

**Prayer List Updates:** Please submit Prayer requests to the church office: [ojaiumc@gmail.com](mailto:ojaiumc@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!

During this season of transitions, the outpouring of love, support and helping hands has been overwhelming. God bless.....

- Bob Tholl, Linda Aldous, Denise Stafford, Brent Stafford, Ed Dennis and Art Harris for their amazing work patching and painting our parsonage. It looks great! Your dedication and hard work has helped to make a beautiful home for Pastor Rachel and her husband, Nick.
- Judy Jansson for sharing her green thumb to beautify not only the church campus, but for rolling up her sleeves to work on the yard at the parsonage. (And for her knowledge to know which plants can withstand the Ojai heat).
- Valerie Tholl for creating a beautiful Mother's Day Tea, along with the help of volunteers. Peterson Hall looked beautiful with flowers and decorations. And the food and tea was delicious.
- Denyse Barnes for coming back to OUMC to deliver an amazing sermon on the Sunday between our goodbye to Pastor Cathie and our hello to Pastor Rachel.
- Nancy Dennis and Linda Harris for rolling up their sleeves and cleaning up the parsonage after the hard work of the painting crew!!
- Chris Gillmon for his many hours volunteered to create a beautiful musical event for our church and community.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

## JULY

Diana Criger	3rd
Ed Dennis	7th
Doreen Farr	15th
Deborah Hicks	18th
Greg Stafford	24th

## AUGUST

Mary Kelly	15th
Lorraine Preston	18th
Allen Spencer	30th

Happy Anniversary to Marvin &  
Margie Ota( 7/2).



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**Everyone Welcome!**

\$5.00 per class  
**Ojai UMC members are FREE!**  
Contact Lorraine  
javajoeojai@yahoo.com  
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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.

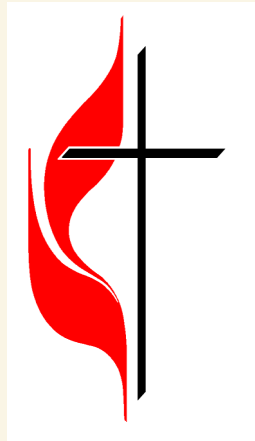
It has been a great opportunity for those in attendance to talk, laugh and have fun. We encourage you to ask a friend to join you.

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!!



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## God's Girls



God's Girls will be gathering on Wednesday, July 18th at the home of Linda Aldous and Carol Longhom at 6pm. It will be a potluck meal, so please bring a salad of your choice to share. Please RSVP to Linda or Carol when you see them at church or you may call Linda at (805) 824-4404. Linda and Carol's home is located at 1055 Tico Road, Ojai.



At the present time, the current amounts held in savings for ongoing projects are as follows:

- Parking Lot Fund: \$24,522.68\*
- Parsonage Improvements: \$2,901.94\*
- Church Improvements: \$2,250.00\* (Plus \$2,200.00 from Noah's Ark for use on church facilities only.
- CAP/Family Shelter fund: \$108.11\*

\* These funds are held in the Savings account. There are a number of projects in progress at the parsonage, as well as the church, that will require the use of a number of the above designated funds.

Facility Use to date: \$4,730.00

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 the Ojai UMC and I can not thank you enough for your ongoing support. Our last delivery was seven full bags of food! The most needed items normally remains consistent with the list to the left. Every donation adds up to help provide food for people in need in our community.

You may continue to bring in your food donations and I will let you know during announcements on Sundays as to the deadline for our July and August deliveries. God bless you.

**Linda Aldous/Member of OUMC**

**Hubmaster of Help of Ojai, Community Assistance Program**

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Peanut Butter  
Spaghetti  
Boxed Macaroni and Cheese  
Spaghettios  
Canned Raviolis  
Chili Beans  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Bottled Water  
Ensure Drinks (any flavor)  
Chips (small 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 continues to find the guidance from the Rev. Steve Petty to be invaluable. Our last Skype meeting with Rev. Petty was on the topic of transitions, and what we as a congregation can do to honor Pastor Cathie, and greet Pastor Rachel when she arrives. As you can imagine, it can be overwhelming for a new pastor to get to know everyone. Likewise, everyone will be anxious to get to know her. To allow Pastor Rachel and her husband, Nick, time to get settled after a big move, the council will be planning multiple small group gatherings (8 people per gathering), starting approximately the beginning of August. We are hopeful this type of gathering will allow enough time for you to ask questions, or just talk and get to know Pastor Rachel. Further details about these gatherings will be shared during the announcement portion of our Worship services in July.

Continuing to work with Rev. Petty through the end of the year will allow the Church Council and Pastor Rachel to set goals for our future. Rev. Petty also coaches the pastor separate from the council, and as a new pastor, this opportunity will be very beneficial.

Rev. Petty will be on campus on July 8th and will have an in person meeting with Pastor Rachel and the Church Council.



*THE HILLS WERE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC!*

On Sunday, June 10th, Ojai UMC hosted a classical music concert in our sanctuary and it was a delight for all who attended. The attendees were treated to the rich, warm bass voice of Samuel DePalma; the distinguished violinist, Amy Hagen; accomplished cellist, Virginia Kron, and our own Chris Gillmon on the piano. Chris put in many hours producing this concert, and with a freewill offering raised \$415 for our church. Thank you Chris and for all who attended to make this such a special event.



*Ordination and Commissioning ~ June 16, 2018*

*Redlands, CA*

Members of the Ojai United Methodist Church congregation awoke early on the morning of June 16th for the long drive to Redlands to see not one, but three remarkable women affiliated with our church be ordained or commissioned. Congratulations to ~

*\*Catherine Elizabeth Capp\**

Ordination as elder

*\*Denyse Anne Barnes\**

*\*Rachel Michelle deBos-Haigler\**

Commissioned as provisional member preparing for ordained  
ministry as elders



## Trustee's Report

Our last newsletter outlined eight priority projects the Church Council felt needed attention before moving on to the other items on our list of 37. At the time, I don't believe we had word that Pastor Cathie would be reassigned to a new church. Once we were made aware that we would be receiving a new pastor, the timing seemed perfect to begin the improvements needed to the parsonage. Our focus was on the bathrooms. While a cosmetic improvement always adds value to a home, we were also aware that a structural issue with the sub-flooring was a large concern. At this time, the bathroom off the master bedroom is halfway through the renovation. As the tile in the shower area was removed, it was evident that water leakage had caused damage to the subfloor under the shower and two floor joists had suffered extreme water damage and needed to be repaired. The surrounding subfloor also had extreme water damage and dry rot. The subfloor has been replaced, shower repaired and retiled with white subway tile. A shower door is on order. We also raised the ceiling in the shower area, as it was low, and made a small shower feel even smaller. The flooring in the bathroom has been replaced with a vinyl flooring with the look of wood. A white vanity has been installed and we are waiting for the granite counter top with attached porcelain sink to arrive. Once that arrives, the remaining elements to that bathroom will be completed by the plumber and contractor. It should also be noted that the wall heaters in both bathrooms were removed due to the potential fire hazard. A heating contractor was used to install two new heat registers to the bathrooms that take advantage of the existing heating/air conditioning system. New exhaust fans with lights will be installed in both bathrooms.

The above seems like a lot of information about such a small area. But once we began the work and realized the extent of the issues, we felt duty bound to finish both bathrooms. We suspect that the larger bathroom may also need work to the subfloor.

Money has been set aside to work on the parsonage thanks to the generous donations from members of our congregation. My report in the May-June issue of the newsletter indicated that the work on the parsonage bathrooms would be \$7,500.00. Due to the subfloor issue and the removal of the wall heaters, etc., that amount has been exceeded in repairing the smaller bathroom alone. The Church Council has discussed and approved to borrow from the parking lot fund (with direct permission from the people who have made major contributions to that account). The Council felt that we may not have another opportunity to complete the work on both bathrooms without causing disruption to our pastor. The money borrowed from the parking lot fund will need to be repaid.

We have also painted the entire interior of the parsonage; including ceiling, walls, door and baseboards. While there was an expense of approximately \$667.00 towards the paint, the volunteers who stepped forward to help complete this job was priceless. The walls were patched in areas and nail holes fixed and the parsonage will be a welcoming new home for our new pastor, husband and small dog. Thanks be to God that we were able to complete (most) of this job so quickly.

The Trustees would welcome any donations to the projects still outstanding. If anyone would like to donate to a specific project, please note the project on your donation. Thank you.

OUMC Trustees – Art Harris and Ed Dennis

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## JULY

**Sun Jul 1, 2018** 10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
**Welcome for Pastor Rachel & Nick after Worship service**

**Mon Jul 2, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Wed Jul 4, 2018** **INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Office will be closed

**Fri Jul 6, 2018** 9:15pm - ZUMBA (PH)  
12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club

**Sun Jul 8, 2018** 10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
**11:45am - Meeting w/ Rev. Petty**

**Mon Jul 9, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Fri Jul 13, 2018** 9:15am - ZUMBA (PH)  
10am - Oak View Bridge Club

**Sun Jul 15, 2018** 10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

**Mon Jul 16, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Wed Jul 18, 2018** 6pm — God's Girls

**Fri Jul 20, 2018** 9:15am - ZUMBA (PH)  
12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Jul 22, 2018** 10am Worship-Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

**Mon Jul 23, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Fri Jul 27, 2018** 9:15am - ZUMBA (PH)  
12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Jul 29, 2018** 10am - Worship-Sanctuary  
11:30am - Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
3pm - BINGO (PH)

**Mon July 30, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

## AUGUST

**Fri Aug 3, 2018** 9:15am - ZUMBA (PH)  
12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Aug 5, 2018** 10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

**Mon Aug 6, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Fri Aug 10, 2018** 9:15am - ZUMBA (PH)  
12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Aug 12, 2018** 10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

**Mon Aug 13, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Fri Aug 17, 2018** 9:15am - ZUMBA (PH)  
12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Aug 19, 2018** 10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am - Coffee Fellowship - Patio

**Mon Aug 20, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Fri Aug 24, 2018** 12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

**Sun Aug 26, 2018** 10am Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30am - Coffee Fellowship  
3pm - BINGO (PH)

**Mon Aug 27, 2018** 10am - Zumba Gold (PH)  
12:30pm - Ojai Bridge Club (PH)

**Fri Aug 31, 2018** 12:30pm - Oak View Bridge Club (PH)

