



**All Saints Sunday**  
November 3



**Poinsettia Sale through November 3**

**Large (10") \$25      Small (6") \$10**

Contact Peggy Kaysen to order. Plants can be picked up at church on Sunday, 11/24 or Monday, 11/25 during office hours.

District Superintendent  
**Rev. Samuel Hong presiding**



***Aptos UMC Annual***  
**Church Conference**

**Sunday, December 1**



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*“Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.”*

**Philippians 2:4 NRSVUE**

Greetings Church Family,

If Summer is a time for rest and rejuvenation, then Fall is the time to get back to work. Here at Aptos UMC we are noticeably picking up the pace... with Campaigns, and Conferences, and the Holidays just around the corner. This is a wonderful time to take a look at all that is going on and prayerfully consider where you and your gifts can be most useful for the work our church does. Talk to people in different groups and ministries and discern whether you may be a good fit. New voices and perspectives are welcome and can be invigorating for everyone involved.

We are wrapping up our series, Walking with Jesus, where we explored the themes of the value of childlike faith, the false confidence of possessions, and the way of servant leadership. In these teachings we gained greater understanding of the kind of messiah Jesus described himself to be, and the kinds of salvation he offers to us as his followers today.

This series paired well with our Stewardship Campaign. Mike, Boyd, and Marty each shared their perspectives on why and how they support our church. We are grateful for all your gifts, and for your pledges which help us effectively plan for the upcoming year. On Sunday, October 27, we dedicated our pledges to the ongoing and future ministries of our church.

Now we enter the final weeks of our liturgical year. On November 3, All Saints Sunday, we will remember our connection to all our forebears in the faith, and specifically honor those we have lost in the past year. In the remaining weeks we will complete our survey through the Gospel of Mark, culminating on November 24 with Reign of Christ Sunday.

Then the cycle begins all over with the First Week of Advent on Sunday, December 1. Make sure to join us after worship for our annual Church Conference presided over by our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Samuel Hong.

Seeing so much ahead on our calendar is a clear indicator of the vibrancy of this congregation. We stay busy... in fellowship with each other, in service to our community, and in love for our God. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to continue the good work you do in the name of Christ.

*“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.”*

**Philippians 2:5 NRSVUE**

Grace and Peace be with you all,  
Pastor Gabe



## Small Group Meetings

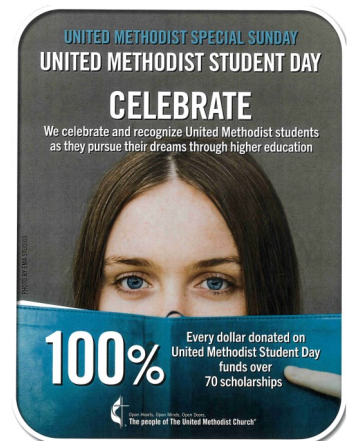
Small Groups are open to anyone. If you have questions about any of the groups, please contact Pastor Gabe.

- **Blaney Group** - Sunday at 11:15 AM in the Youth Room
- **PACT** - every other Monday at 10 AM *(November 4 & 18)*  
<https://zoom.us/j/97895982359?pwd=dURIM091ZXI4V2pLN3ByZkxwT1pHQOT09>  
 Meeting ID **978 9598 2359** Passcode **813515**
- **Alive Now** - Tuesday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Upper Room** - Tuesday at 7 PM \* **NEW DAY** \*  
<https://zoom.us/j/94925380499?pwd=OGNpaHc4VmZ2OFhiczMML2M2ME5Ddz09>  
 Meeting ID **974 1046 9403** Passcode **935450**
- **Scott Group** - Friday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

## November Special Offering

### November 24 - **United Methodist Student Day**

Young United Methodist leaders are striving to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help send young leaders into the world with the justice-seeking, healing, and compassionate values that have been instilled in them over the years.



**Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary every Sunday at 10 AM.**

**We are now livestreaming on YouTube. YouTube**

To watch live click [HERE](#), or go to <https://www.youtube.com/@aptosumc/streams>.

In addition to watching worship live, recordings of services will be available there.

*Please also subscribe to our YouTube channel: **@aptosumc***

Online giving is available on our website by clicking on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or by clicking [here](#).

# Church and Society

In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving! Thanks be to God for all of our blessings! We have responded on Stewardship Sunday with dedicating our time, talents and money to our church and larger community.

This month, as we pledge ourselves to the work ahead in the coming year, I would like to focus on Economic Justice as one of the social principles which are the foundation of our greater church and delineated in the Revised Social Principles adopted at the most recent General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

## *Economic Justice*

Scripture and United Methodist tradition affirm a vision of abundant living where all God's children have access to sufficient resources to thrive. The Bible is consistent in its vision of a just economic order. It warns against greed, calls us to love and care for one another, and compels us to seek justice for the poor.



The early church modeled this vision through radical sharing (Acts 2:44-45). John Wesley, confronted with economic, social, and political changes brought on by industrialization, cautioned against the dangers of riches, the importance of stewardship and the harm of greedy behavior.



Today's global economy is complex and interconnected, creating both massive wealth and massive inequality. As Christians, we understand local and global markets as human creations under the judgment of God. We must be mindful of the ways in which we as workers, consumers and investors participate in the economy. And further, we are called to challenge unjust practices and policies that continue to exploit workers, benefit a few at the expense of the many, and perpetuate poverty.

Today, The United Methodist Church continues its prophetic witness to advocate for a living wage in every industry, for the rights of all workers to organize, for the faithful stewardship of money and for moral budgets that prioritize the needs of the poor over the greed of the wealthy. What does the church stress?

**Faithful Finance:** All economic systems are under the judgement of God no less than other facets of the created order.

**Global Hunger and Poverty:** We must not become indifferent to the plight of those suffering hunger and poverty.

**Hunger and Poverty in the United States:** As a church we are called to support the poor and challenge the rich.

**Worker Justice:** We support worker's rights: fair wages, safe workplaces, reasonable hours of work, and decent living standards.

I invite each of you to reflect upon these principles adopted by the United Methodist Church.

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The Aptos Circle of Village Santa Cruz will be meeting on November 6 from 1 to 2:30 PM. This is a part of our mission to provide seniors in our community with social connection and vital information related to aging. All are welcome.

Aptos UMC is a community -- Living our Faith, Seeking Justice, and Pursuing Peace.

Joyce D. Rodgers

Chair of Church and Society, Missions/Green Team

# November



## Birthdays

- 2 Helene Milner
- 3 Richard Lonergan
- 4 Noelle Harvey
- 8 Darin Dailey
- 9 Gary Williamson
- 13 Debbie Mason
- 14 Debra-Gail Martin
- 15 Ruth Landmann  
Paul Treffkorn
- 16 Don Baldwin  
DeAnne Hart
- 19 Lillian Wilson
- 21 Mike Beebe
- 24 Patricia Williams  
Dan McCourt
- 28 Christopher Martin

## Anniversaries

- 20 Sue & Mike Sampson
- 21 Netha & Jerry Thacker

**If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our calendar or incorrect, please contact the [office](#).**

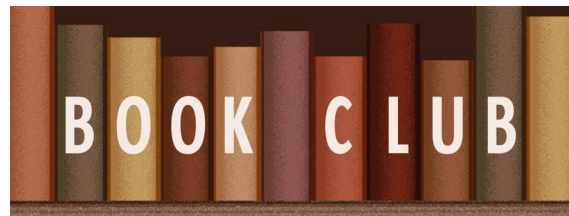
## **Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate**

Every first Sunday of the month Laurel and Bob Blaney offer coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange for sale.



## **You are invited to join our Prayer Team.**

The Prayer Team receives a weekly email with prayer requests. To **join** the Prayer Team or **submit** a prayer request, please contact the church office.



## **Book Club**

**November 20:** *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng

The Book Club meets at 1:30 PM on the third Wednesday of every month in the Youth Room. *Anyone is welcome to attend.*

For more information, please contact Barbara Coy-Bulicz at 689-9772 or [bcoybulicz@gmail.com](mailto:bcoybulicz@gmail.com).

## **Online Giving**

To give online, go to [www.aptosumc.org](http://www.aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or click [HERE](#).

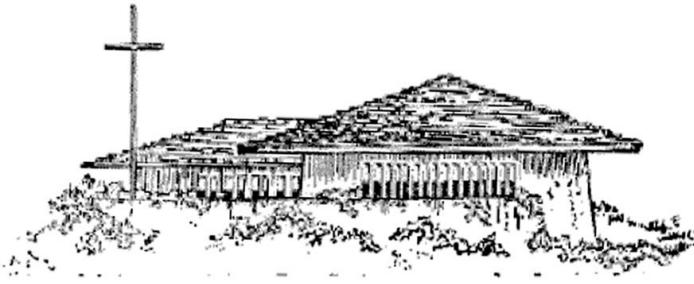
Or, scan this code using your smartphone:

- *For iPhone (iOS 11 or later):* Launch the Camera app, frame the QR code, and tap the notification at the top of the screen.
- *For Android devices:* You'll need to download a third-party app, such as QR Code Reader.



Creating an account online is not necessary unless you would like to set up a recurring payment or if you would like to save your payment information for future transactions.

**Contact the church office ([office@aptosumc.org](mailto:office@aptosumc.org) or 831-688-2210) if you have any questions or need assistance.**



## **Aptos Community United Methodist Church**

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### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Sunday Worship at 10 AM in person  
and livestreamed on YouTube**

*YouTube channel: @aptosumc*

**Deadline for  
December/January Tide**  
Friday, November 15

*The Tide* is published monthly by Aptos United Methodist Church. Aptos UMC is an inclusive community that welcomes and encourages full participation of *all persons*, regardless of race, culture, age, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical/mental abilities.

We affirm our denomination's motto – ***Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.***

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

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