

# THE HERALD

## ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Rev. Stacy Brooks  
Senior Pastor

Becky Valenzuela  
Children, Youth & Family  
Ministries



Diane Freyling  
Office Administrator

Nancy Reyes  
Front Office Assistant



Lisa Wall-Urgero  
Director of Music Ministry

Leslie Frank  
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Custodian



Cindie Stump-Gamboa  
& Kelsey Rodriguez  
Child Care Providers



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## Something to Celebrate!

Thank you to everyone who walked, donated, and prayed for the success of the 16th Annual CWS Simi Valley 5K CROP Hunger Walk. It was a beautiful day with the support of the youth and their message during the morning's service, 30 people (ages 5 to 90) and 3 dogs, walked to raise almost \$4,000! 25% will go to the Samaritan Center of Simi Valley and the balance will be used to help families around the world. Over the course of 16 walks, we have raised over \$90,000! Thank you to the daily walkers, Cheryl, Tony, Laurie, Helen and Bridget.

See you next year!  
*Nancy Reyes*

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the CROP Walk! I was sponsored for \$1,167.00. Thank you for your love and God bless you for your generosity!

*Erlinda Aragones  
Moore*



**Our 2023 CROP Walk participants!**  
**22 Adults, 4 Youth, 4 Kids, & 3 Dogs**

## Welcome Ms. Becky Valenzuela, as Our New, FULL-TIME, Director of Children, Youth, and Families Ministries!

A year ago, when it was announced that Pastors Andy and Camille would be leaving us, they began working with the SPRC Committee to find a full-time employee for our children and youth programs. After 5 months of advertising and posting the job, we still did not have a single potential candidate for the position. In October, the SPRC reached out to Ms. Becky based on a recommendation from Pastor Stacy, who had previously worked with her. Ms. Becky interviewed and was offered the position on a part-time, probationary basis (as all church employees begin.) After her probationary period ended, SPRC offered Becky the position full-time, but as many people may not be aware, Ms. Becky has been commuting from Winchester, a 2.5 hour drive each way, and would need housing in Simi Valley to work full-time. SPRC began working with the Trustees and Finance Committees to restore the Little House back into a rental residence so that Ms. Becky could move to Simi Valley on a full-time basis.

On May 24th, the Little House passed its final inspection, and with housing secured, Ms. Becky will begin full-time employment for our church. May God pour out blessings upon Ms. Becky and the Little House as she begins moving in, while pouring love into our children, youth, and family ministries.



**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Childcare:** For infants & toddlers in the Garden Room (formerly the Nursery) thru the worship service.

**10:00 a.m.** *Worship with Chancel Choir*  
*Signing for Hearing Impaired*  
Infant-Kinder in the Garden Room

**11:00 a.m.** Coffee Fellowship

**6:00 p.m.** Youth Fellowship

**Sunday, June 4, 2023****Communion Sunday****"All Are Welcome"****Acts 10:1-35**

Guest Preaching: Rev. Dr. Denyse Barnes



Rev. Dr. Barnes is an ordained elder serving as the Director of Compassion and Justice Ministries for our Annual Conference.

**Sunday, June 11, 2023****Music Sunday****"Our Spiritual Soundtrack"****Psalms 150**

Preaching: Rev. Stacy Brooks

**"Cracking the Code: Understanding the Parables of Jesus" Sermon Series****June 18-July 9****Sunday, June 18, 2023****Dad's and Grad's Sunday****"The Lost Parable"****Luke 15:3-10**

Preaching: Rev. Stacy Brooks

**Sunday, June 25, 2023****"The Good Samaritan"****Luke 10:25-37**

Preaching: Rev. Stacy Brooks

**The Blessings of a Second Mailbox.**

A mailbox might not be significant to most of us, after all, it is just a mailbox, which too often only has junk inside of it, but this is not just a mailbox, it represents hope for our future.



Let me tell you how...

For eleven months my family has been the sole residents on Wayne Circle, our East Property. And for eleven months, I have been the solo pastor of a church that could not remember a time without at least two pastors on staff. In June, Ms. Becky will move onto the East Property, not only giving my family a neighbor to wave across the driveway to, but also giving our church a second full-time employee with responsibilities for the program ministries and relationship-building that is at the core of our ministry.

This new mailbox represents our investment into the children and youth of our church, who are not just the future of our church, but, as we just experienced on Youth Sunday, they are also an invaluable part of our present church. As a pastor who believes strongly in the critical nature of building up our younger generations, I could not be more joyful in the decisions that our leadership has made and the work put in to make this investment possible.

On behalf of our SPRC, Trustees, and Finance Committees, I invite you to help with this investment. A generous and faithful donor came forward to front half the cost of creating a new office on the main campus for Lisa and for the remodeling of the Little House for Ms. Becky. This donation came as a matching gift. We are now asking you to help with the other half of our investment in our ministry to our children, youth, and families. Be looking for a special envelope in the narthex and church office to make a donation or to pledge a donation towards this mailbox, house, office and all the ministry that will be built and nurtured through them.

Blessings,

*Pastor Stacy***Plan to Join Pastor Stacy on Our Church Holy Land Pilgrimage****Feb. 20-March 1, 2024****Cost: \$3998 (all inclusive)**

**Brochures are available from Pastor Stacy.**

Experience the places and people of the Holy Land

**DEADLINE:**

**Newsletter Articles  
JUNE 9TH**

## June Circle Meetings



**Circle of Joy - Wednesday, June 14 - 12:00 pm (please note time change)**  
**@ the Ranch Restaurant and Bar, Tierra Rejada Golf Club, 15187 Tierra Rejada Rd.**

Chair: Sharlene Petersen - 805-527-0611

**Seekers Circle - Monday, June 19 - 12:00 pm @ Chapel**

Chair: Joyce Harding - 805-522-1150

**Night Owls Circle - Tuesday, June 20 - 7:00 pm @ Chapel**

Chair: Laura Jean Hole - 805-522-3756

**Circle of Faith - Wednesday, June 21 - 12:00 am @ Viva La Pasta**

**Please RSVP to Joyce Martin**

Co-Chairs: Valerie Bergh - 805-526-8836 & Nancy Miller - 661-303-0524

**Teresa Circle - Meets each month to visit those who are homebound.**

Co-Chairs: Bonnie Bastian - 805-526-6636 & Ruth Dempsey - 805-501-5874.



### UWF BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, June 7th**  
**at 10:00 am in the Chapel**

### UWF PLANNING MEETING

**Wednesday, August 16th**  
**at 10:00 am in the Chapel**



United  
Women  
in Faith

**It's coming....The 2023**

**MISSION u**

**July 14th - July 16th**  
**at Azusa Pacific University**



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS  
 Reflecting God's Love

**\$275 per person before June 1**  
**\$300 per person after June 1**

**Registration forms will be in the church office,**  
**or you may contact Ruth Dempsey.**

*ALL WOMEN of the church*  
*are invited to attend*  
*ANY and ALL UWF meetings.*



## **All Women's Picnic** **at Lemon Park**

**Wednesday, July 19th at 11:30 am**  
**Bring your own lunch!**

The United Women in Faith scholarship committee is pleased to announce the 2023 awardees for the Wayne and Eleanor Montgomery Scholarship.



The awardees are :  
 Rider Gordon (Royal High School) and  
 Owen Newman (Simi High School)

These two outstanding young men will continue their education after high school in pursuit of a computer/data science degree (Rider) and by incorporating artistry in the field of welding for the aerospace and automotive industries (Owen.)

Join us in congratulating them!

## Summer Sunday Childcare

The Garden (formerly the Nursery) will be open during Summer months for children up to 6 years old during worship. The Garden will open by 9:45am and will continue to be staffed by Ms. Cindie and Ms. Kelsey.

## Kids in Worship

During the months of June and July, we will not have Sunday school for elementary aged children. We will have worship packets and activities available in the Narthex each Sunday.

## **RECYCLE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, June 25th**

Bring in your aluminum & glass items for our youth to recycle on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.



## UMYF Calendar

June 4th: UMYF  
June 11th: UMYF  
June 18th: NO UMYF—Father's Day  
No regular UMYF Meeting  
June 25th: UMYF

## Welcome to the Youth Group Kalani Horney & Xavier Sandoval



We are excited to have you as the newest members of our Youth Group and cannot wait to have you join us this Summer!

## **Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!**



**Rider Gordon**  
**Royal High School**  
**&**  
**Owen Newman**  
**Simi Valley High School**



We are excited to announce the creation of “**Camp See Me**”! This summer, we will offer a fun and safe program for elementary-aged children from June 5-August 4. Camp will provide age-appropriate daily biblical-based teaching that will be reinforced through activities, games, science experiments and crafts; on-site field trips and special visitors; fun thematic weeks to keep your child engaged and entertained all summer long!

“**Camp See Me**” is a full-day summer program from 8am-3pm, Monday - Friday. The weekly camp cost of \$200 includes all field trips, morning and afternoon snack, a camp t-shirt, and a summer of safe, fun, and exciting activities. Participation in all 9 weeks of camp is not required, but for proper staffing purposes we are asking for a minimum commitment of 5 weeks for each child attending camp. Sibling discount available. Registration forms are available through the church office.

## MUSIC SUNDAY

Mark your calendars! In worship on Sunday, June 11, our very own singers and ringers, and all others musical, will present the fruits of their labors, in an end-of-season music celebration; a special offering will be taken to further support this ministry and encourage new growth.



We hope Music Sunday will inspire you to consider participating in one or more ways this summer or when the next Fall season begins – we can use your gifts! We need singers, ringers, directors, instrumentalists, folks with planning, organizing and administrative skills, and so on. Thank you for all the ways you support this ministry; we couldn't and wouldn't do it without you. Let's make a joyful noise!

## SUMMER CHOIR

Calling all singers! Have you been wanting to take those shower-singing skills into the sanctuary and raise your voice to the glory of God, but don't have Thursday evenings free? You're in luck! In July, Summer Choir begins – we meet in the Chapel at 9:00 am Sunday mornings to learn a simple anthem, and, robe-free, present it in worship. No long-term commitment; come when you can.

Contact Lisa Wall-Urgero for more information at [vocalisa@live.com](mailto:vocalisa@live.com) or call (805) 558-3767.

*Lisa Wall-Urgero*

Director of Music Ministries

## Job Openings

**CrossRoads Children's Center is currently seeking:**  
**Part & Full-Time Early Childhood Educators**  
 (12 units in Early Childhood Education)  
 -Creating and implementing lesson plans  
 -Teaching children 2-6 years old  
 -Flexible, loving, caring environment

Contact CrossRoads Principal, Michelle Gordon  
 at (805) 526-2887



## Men's Donut Fellowship

**Wednesdays, 8:00 am**  
**Huddle Hall**

**Drop by and enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship with the guys!**



Happy 31st birthday, CrossRoads Children's Center!

This month we have some fun summer plans for the students at CrossRoads! Each week will have a theme to help us celebrate the summer. Some of them are Circus, Beach, Hawaiian, Camping and Crazy Week, just to name a few. We will have a jolly jumper on campus, enjoy some snow cones, have a bubble show and end our summer with crazy hair and crazy socks. Lots of fun adventures ahead.

We hope everyone has an outstanding summer like ours!

"Summer means happy times and good sunshine. It means going to the beach, enjoying the scenery, having fun with family and friends. ~Brian Wilson

*Mrs. Michelle Gordon, Principal*



# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>Sunday Schedule:</u></b> 9:45 am Childcare Open 10:00 am Worship with Sunday School for kids 11:00 am Coffee Hour 6:00 pm Youth Group	<b><u>Wednesday Schedule:</u></b> 8:00 am UMM Donut Meet Up (Huddle Hall) 5:00 pm Kidz Bells 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Children's Program	<b><u>Thursday Schedule:</u></b> 5:30 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble 6:00 pm Adult Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm Youth Bells		<b>1</b> Walking Group 7:30 am	<b>2</b> Church Office closes at 12:00 pm	<b>3</b> All-Church Workday 8-noon
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Walking Group 7:30 am Bible Study 1 pm SPRC 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> UWF Board Mtg. 10:00 am	<b>8</b> Walking Group 7:30 am	<b>9</b> Church Office closes at 12:00 pm	<b>10</b> Garden Workday 8-noon
<b>11</b> Music Sunday	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Walking Group 7:30 am Bible Study 1 pm Finance 7:00 pm Youth Ldrs 7 pm	<b>14</b> Circle of Joy 12:00 pm see page 3 for more info! MEOW 1:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm	<b>15</b> Walking Group 7:30 am	<b>16</b> Church Office closes at 12:00 pm	<b>17</b> Dinner Church SVUMC hosts 4:00 pm—set up 5:00 pm—serving
<b>18</b> Father's Day No UMYF	<b>19</b> Seekers Circle 12:00 pm	<b>20</b> Walking Group 7:30 am Bible Study 1 pm CrossRoads Adv. Mtg. 5:00 pm Night Owls 7:00pm	<b>21</b> Circle of Faith 12:00 pm see page 3 for more info!	<b>22</b> Walking Group 7:30 am	<b>23</b> Church Office closes at 12:00 pm	<b>24</b> Garden Workday 8-noon
<b>25</b> Recycle Sunday	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Walking Group 7:30 am Bible Study 1 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Walking Group 7:30 am	<b>30</b> Church Office closes at 12:00 pm	



## Birthdays

- 6/1 Kalo Inoke  
 6/3 Pam Jewell  
     Debra Kruetzfeldt  
 6/4 Marion Cairns  
     Gloria McManus  
 6/5 Kathryn Harada  
 6/6 Kaitlyn Sponable  
 6/8 Caden Hill  
 6/11 Erin Anderson  
 6/12 Aidan Dickson  
     Kimi Garbo  
     Colleen McManus  
 6/14 Katie Foster  
 6/15 Mike Garbo  
 6/16 Christine (Pahls) East  
     Dan Greene  
 6/19 Tyler Glover  
     Robin Ouimette  
 6/20 Ryan Arogones  
 6/21 Keith Heins  
 6/24 Claudia West  
 6/25 Kimberly Farr  
 6/26 Scott Chandley  
 6/27 Sherry Fischer  
     Lynn Lopez  
     Nick West  
 6/28 Jeremy Bunya  
     Frits Kitzmann  
     Sherrie Kolz  
 6/29 Joyce Martin  
     Bob Post  
 6/30 Luther Cockrill



## We Support Our Church by Our PRAYERS

*Prayer requests may be submitted via email to the church office, by phone call to the church office, or via text to Pastor Stacy. When submitting a prayer request please include how you would like your prayer lifted.*

- In the weekly prayer e-mail.
- During Joys and Concerns in worship.
- In Pastor Stacy's daily prayers.

OUR



ATTENDANCE

April

4/30 111

May

5/07 148

5/14 131

5/21 115

Pastor's  
Vacation

Pastor Stacy  
will be on vacation  
Sat. June 3 through Sat.  
June 10.

Please contact the  
church office if you are  
in need of pastoral care  
during her absence.



**Garden Work Days**  
**June 10th and 24th**  
**8:00–noon**  
**on the East Property.**

Work Day  
at Church

Join with other volunteers and  
help beautify our church campus.  
*No experience necessary!*

**Saturday, June 3rd**  
**8:00 am**



## Anniversaries

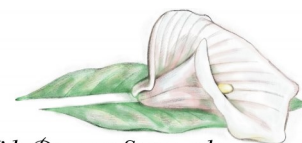
- 6/5 Rochelle & Chris Hill  
 6/9 Ed & Martina McRae  
 6/11 Ashley & Greg Trala  
 6/12 Rev. Lew & Mary Fry  
 6/21 Marilyn & Don Cameron  
 6/27 Sam & Cathy Allison  
     Barbara & Gary Michaelson  
 6/28 Ruth & Ray Dempsey  
     Sheila & Al Millard  
 6/29 James & Sondra Adair  
     Melissa & Phillip Carter  
     Bob & Debbie Post  
 6/30 Scott & Theresa Chandley



## Memorial

S E R V I C E

Please join us for the  
memorial service for  
Charlotte Hole  
Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 am  
in the Sanctuary.  
A lunch reception will follow in  
Witman Hall.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

We mourn the passing of  
Elinore Englebrecht  
on May 15, 2023 at 98 years old.  
Prayers are requested for her  
family: her husband of 76 years,  
Le Roy, daughters Jaci (Shaw)  
Schroff and Jeri Horowitz,  
her son James, their spouses,  
5 grandchildren and  
8 great-grandchildren.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** We are looking for lead teachers, assistant teachers, and classroom “grandparents” to help ensure that we have coverage for our weekly elementary Sunday school class. Ms. Becky will provide all the information and materials you’ll need! Contact Ms. Becky to help make sure we are able to have class every week.

**DINNER CHURCH VOLUNTEERS** We are responsible for Dinner Church on the third Saturday of each month. Dinner Church provides a hot, nutritious meal for those in our community in need. We begin cooking at 4:00 pm, serve from 5:00-5:30 pm and clean-up after serving. Please contact the church office to sign-up to help or to provide a dish that will feed approx. 25 people.

**WORK DAY HELPERS** We are blessed with a large property for our ministry, but we are in need of help maintaining it and cleaning it. Consider volunteering on our next work day, or volunteer to adopt a planter, set of windows, or section of the parking lot to clean and maintain.

**GARDEN HELPERS** We could use your help pulling weeds, spreading wood chips, and planting seeds in our East Property garden. Talk to Kathryn McKee to find out more about our garden and to volunteer.

One of the most exciting week’s of the Summer is....

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK!



If you are like me, you are excited for our evenings of community dinners, worship, games, stories, snacks, and adult classes. Register today to enroll your child/grandchild, to join an adult class, or to be a hero by volunteering to help with our programming.

## VBS is July 24th-28th