



Church of the Joyful Healer

Newsletter

November 2021



From Pastor April

This past month has been an amazing month of learning new spiritual practices and coming together as a church family to grow in christ. It's the month of November; the month of gratitude. I am so thankful for you all, your love and support of me and this ministry, and the difference that we make.

As we move into the season of gratitude and then shortly after that, the season of giving, I want to encourage you to consider your spiritual journey. How have you been shaped and formed by all that you have experienced? What are the spiritual experiences that you are grateful for? How do you show your faith through your gifts, service, prayer, presence, and witness?

Being a disciple of Christ is full of action, not passive direction. This faith is a full contact sport, not something we can simply absorb through osmosis on the sidelines. But being all in is not always easy to do, depending on the seasons of our lives? I hope that you will join me this month as we consider this and how we can stay motivated and involved as a disciple, even during the hard seasons of life.

Blessings,
April



Join us for Worship In-Person (masks required)
or via Zoom 10 a.m. Sundays

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November Worship

Worship in November (7-21st)

Get in the Game– Practical and Active Faith.
Christianity is a full contact sport.



November 7

How to Share Christ to Others

John 4: 27-38

Acts 17: 1-4



November 14

Sharing our personal stories of Christ



November 21

Inviting a friend to church

Acts 2: 42-47



Season of Advent– Advent Worship Series:
Room at the Inn



November 28

The First Sunday of Advent!

Making Room– Hope

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25: 4-5



Charge Conference - November 6 at 6 p.m. - in person or zoom.

Our District Superintendent will be visiting us on November 6 for our charge conference. All are invited to attend, and you may attend in person or via zoom. The zoom will be sent out via weekly email on the Thursday before the Charge Conference. Typically, what is discussed at these events are the Pastor's compensation, Leadership for the upcoming year, membership changes, and Candidates for ministry. We also will remember all who have passed this past year, moved on/out of state, etc., as well as celebrate some of the things that we did accomplish over 2021. If anyone has any questions on why we do these annually or about what will be discussed, please feel free to talk with me (Pastor April) by email: umc.joyfulhealer@gmail.com or contact the office to make an appointment.

Gratitude for our leaders from 2021

We have been so incredibly blessed, not just over the past year, but the past 3-5 years, with a huge number of people who have been in leadership. Please take a moment to thank all those in leadership this year:

SPRC:

Jen Black
Emilee Prince
Mary Meyer
Linda Torres
Fred Dietrich
Jim Falls
Cheryl Phillips
Tony Giraud

Finance:

Tony Giraud
Rose Steelman
LeeAnn Dietrich
Cheryl Phillips
Kim Vatcher– Smith

Trustees:

Paul Meyer
Kevin Metcalfe
Barbara Georgianna
Larry & Lauresa Tomlinson
Rick Ellis
Tony Giraud

Music Team:

Linda Torres
Raul Torres
Greta Daniels
Patty Hecht
Richard Mackenzie
Tom Hampton
Emilee Prince
Tony Giraud
Jen Black

Historian/PowerPoint Helper

Gail Slaughter

Church Council Chair

Mary Meyer

Lay Leaders:

Mary Meyer



Music for Sunday Services

Anyone wanting to share a musical piece or a poem (or a meaningful short piece of writing) during our Sunday Service is welcome! Please contact Linda Holland, Music Team Leader, with your ideas. All ages and abilities are encouraged to participate; this is a terrific way to share your faith and talent with the congregation.

Linda can be reached at umcjhmusic@gmail.com



Celebrating 2022 Leadership

We are having a new structure for leadership for the year 2022. Instead of 3 different committees plus a Church council group, we will have 1 committee - the Administrative Council. This committee will deal with all the aspects of Finance, Facilities, and Staffing on a regular basis. They will meet 4 times a year (once a quarter). Outside of this, the Church as a whole will have visioning meetings 2x a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. This is to help us create space to look towards the future and dream without getting bogged down in the mundane business of things.



Saturday Gathering

Our **Administrative Council** for 2022 consists of the following people (they will be officially voted on at our Charge Conference)

Jen Black – Staffing/SPRC
Tony Giraud – Facilities/Trustees
Mary Meyer – Ministries
Lee Ann Dietrich – Treasurer
Rose Steelman – Financial Secretary
Cheryl Phillips
Emilee Prince
Wendy Zamboni
Pastor April Sousa – Ad Council Chair

June 2021-2022 Music Team:

Linda Holland	Kieran Specht
Jen Black	Evelyn Wiebe-Anderson
Greta Daniels	Tony Giraud
Tom Hampton	Frank Sanchez
Bella Black (bongos)	

Hello, wet weather is here, so we are in need of the following:

Men's socks
Men's underwear
Men's jackets

Please also consider a Christmas Gift to one in our Saturday Gathering Community. For about:
\$12 you can provide 8 pairs of socks
\$15 for 8 pairs of underwear
\$29 for a rain poncho
\$50 for a rain suit

We are also in need of good shoes for the rain (\$20-30)

Our Saturday Gathering Community are so very grateful for these simple necessities. Often they will only take one pair of socks to last the whole week.



Blessing of the Fleet

November 25, 2021 - 10 a.m.

Plans are still being made on how this will be available to the public. Every year we celebrate and bless the ships and the men and women who go out on these rough waters for their livelihood every season. Join us, most likely by Facebook live.

More information will come throughout the month.



Looking ahead to December

Here are a few things to be on the lookout for that are just a short month away— mark your calendars now!

Church of the Joyful Healer

Christmas Craft Fair

When: Saturday, December 4th

Time: 1:30-3:00 pm

Where: Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave.

Cost: Free



This year's Children's Holiday Gift Making Workshop will look a little different than previous years. While we won't be in person creating together, we invite you to take a stroll through Santa's Workshop and pick up a variety of craft projects to work together at home.

December 24

Christmas Eve Service 4:30 pm

November 28

Deck the Halls pt. 1
After church



December 3, 10, 17 -
5:30 - Advent Yoga

December 12

Christmas Concert at 3:00



New Year's Eve Yo-
ga— 10:00 am



Small Groups:

Sunday AM Spanish Class w/Rocio Torres NEW TIME @ 8:00 am

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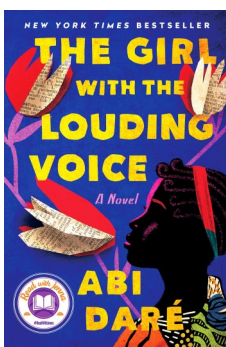
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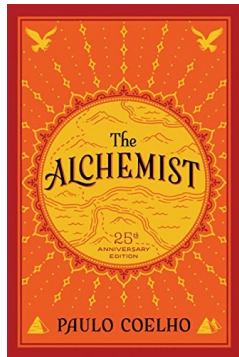
Book Club

November's Book Club pick is *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare

When: Thursday, October 21st @ 6:00 pm

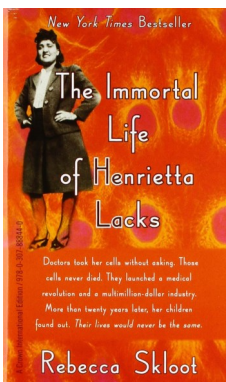


Looking ahead:



December: *The Alchemist*

by Paulo Coelho



January: *The Immortal*

Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

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Meeting ID: 876 1571 4074

Password: 394464

*Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in the month of November. The next meeting will take place on
**Thursday,
December 11th**

Jesus Is-

Jesus is the light that was left on to welcome you.
Jesus is the feeling of your toes in the sand.
Jesus is a warm bowl of soup, on an empty belly.
Jesus is laughter you never expected.
Jesus is letting go, and breathing in.

-Elizabeth Erenberger

Music practice every Thursday
evening at 5:30 pm.

*Music team participants will need
to be fully vaccinated



Youth & Families Ministries:

"Thanksgiving is a joyous invitation to shower the world with love and gratitude."

Amy Leigh Mercree

November Youth Offerings:

(All November Youth Offerings are through Zoom)

Meeting ID: 685 943 8401

Password: Lizthyme



Sat, November 13th- Poetry Workshop (11 AM - Noon) Age 11+
Sometimes it's the simple things. Sign on for some poetic inspiration.



Storytime

Sat, November 14th - Joyworks Storytime (12 PM) Ages 4-10

Our beloved Joyworks Storytime is back once a month.
Join us for a seasonal story of Thanksgiving and gratitude.



Sat, November 20th- Religions of the World (Noon - 1 PM) Ages 11+
Sign in for an introduction to other cool religions throughout the world.
We'll explore diversity in worship through short films, readings and youth reflection.

Monday, November 22nd- Craft and Chat (6 PM) Ages 11+

What have you been working on?? Bust it out and show it off at our virtual craft "gathering".

Let's come together to work on our projects while we chat about our goals and visions for these last few months of the year and beyond.



For the month of November, online zoom youth group will meet **Sundays at 5 PM.**



November 2021



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Charge Conference 6:00 pm
7 Youth Group 5:00 pm Zoom	8	9	10	11	12	13 Poetry Workshop 11:00 & Story time @ 12
14 Youth Group 5:00 pm Zoom	15	16	17	18 Book Club 6:00 pm Zoom	19	20 Religions of World study
21 Youth Group 5:00 pm Zoom	22 Craft & Chat 6:00 pm Zoom	23	24	25 Blessing of the Fleet 10:00 am	26	27
28 Youth Group 5:00 pm Zoom	29	30				

UMC Joyful Healer

1944 Central Ave.

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Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Our Vision: To **ENCOURAGE** each other on a spiritual Journey, to **KNOW** God Better, **LIVE** Kindly and Healthily, and to **DO** something beautiful for God in our lives, our community and our world.

Inclusion Statement: We are an inclusive community of Jesus Christ's disciples called to put our faith into action as we practice radical hospitality by keeping our hearts, minds, and doors OPEN to everyone. We are committed to social justice, diversity, and believe in the inherent dignity and worth of ALL people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on this spiritual journey, regardless of your age, race, gender identity, sexual orientations, political affiliations, religious interpretations or beliefs, abilities, culture, family status and economic status: you are welcome and included here. ALL means ALL

Worship Services are: Sundays @ 10 a.m. In Person & via Zoom

Office Hours: Please e-mail umcjhoffice@gmail.com to get in touch or leave a message on the office mobile phone 707-502-2306