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Updated 4/1/18 Small Group Schedule

Coram Deo	Sun. 7:45 am	Romans	Caesar & Vicki Ramirez
Family of Faith	Sun-3 pm 2 times a mo	Tba	Yogesh Padania-at families home
Revelation	Sun. 4-6 pm	Living God's Passion	Joe Valdez & Mel Bactad-Contact Joe
3 G's	Tue. 7 pm	40 Days through Revelati	Chuck Howard & Naty Ancheta
Spiritual Lifers	Wed. 7 pm	Book of Matthew	Pam Blankenbeckler
Mary Ruth Circle	On Vacation		
FBS	Fri 11 am	Genesis	Lolita Flores
TGIF	Fri. 7 pm	The Bible	Vi Bautista & I Peny Capistrano
Men of Faith	Sat. 9am 1st & 3rd wk of each month		Rommel Perez

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Sharing with you news of INSPIRATION, INCARNATION and INTERSECTION on our common journey

the journey

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Sunday Worship Services are 9:00am Traditional and
10:30am Contemporary

Come Worship with us

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COMPING UP IN WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER >>>

Worship at SAINT PAUL is filled with moments of INSPIRATION...touching hearts and changing lives. Come join us each Sunday for worship at 9:00am—Traditional & 10:30am –Contemporary

September Preaching

- September 2nd Kick off Sunday / Ministry Fair
- September 9th Stewardship – guest, District Superintendent Rev. Shinya Goto
- September 16th Stewardship – guest, Conference Lay Leader Micheal Pope
- September 23rd Stewardship – guest, Rev. Mark Bollwinkel, retired
- September 30th Living in Faith



Outreach/Ministry

Hi guys!

I finally caught my neighbor, Tyler, at home. Tyler is a Smoke Jumper instructor/firefighter and he’s been gone most of the time we’ve been up here. He finally took 2 days off and I rushed over and gave him the letters written last year when he was outside working around his house. I gave him Omar’s letter to read since it didn’t have an envelope and since it was so expressive. Tyler was touched and will pass out the other letters.

When he saw the return address of Fremont, he nearly cried. An Eagle Scout FROM FREMONT trained as a firefighter when he got old enough, a little while ago, and then died while fighting his first fire. (I think that’s what he said.) He is very missed and to add a little strangeness, yesterday was the anniversary of his death, plus 2 days! Tyler and his crew fought the Napa/ Santa Rosa fires last year, as well as fires all across the States, wherever they are needed. (He’s seldom home during fire season.) He said he really appreciated the letters and that he would see that other firefighters got our other letters.

Good job guys!

Judy



SMART START
BACK-TO-SCHOOL OUTREACH

Good Morning Everyone!

Just wanted to thank everyone for their help with the backpack donations. Total backpacks donated was 11, which includes Mark's drop off of additional backpacks. Attached is a pic of me and my brother Marvin dropping off the bags on Tuesday.

Thanks again!

Best,
Melanie



Fire Relief

Thank you for your generosity! We sent over \$1600 to Middletown UMC to help people affected by the Mendocino fire.



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Announcements:



Congratulations on your baptismal
Jexlana Macagba on 7/28/18.

Welcome Baby Ezra. Born on 7/3/18 at 6lbs 9oz. Congratulations to proud parents Thomas and Wendy Choy and proud grandparents Lance and Pastor Anne.



Church Office Hours
Wednesday through Friday
9:00am - 12:00 noon

United Methodist Women (UMW)

By Cheryl Harmon



Faith • Hope • Love in Action



ASSEMBLY 2018 THE POWER OF BOLD

In 1869 eight women came together to send a woman doctor and a woman teacher to India from the Woman's foreign Missionary society. One hundred and fifty years later, that society is the. Largest faith-based women's mission organization in the world, changing the lives of women, children, youth and families down the street and around the world.

United Methodist Assembly 2018 Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus Ohio.
Wed May 16-Sun May 20.

We arrive at Columbus Airport at 6:00pm on Wed evening. Thurs was Ubuntu Day of service 9:00-3:00. Elsa went to a **Food pantry as part of Lutheran Social Services**. Their mission is "to create a better world by serving people in need". I was at **The Free Store**. This is run by the United Methodist Church in Columbus Ohio. Their vision is "to live out the presence of Jesus in a diverse and thriving urban neighborhood".

At 4:00 a gathering at the Ohio State Capital Steps. This is a public action "Living Wage for All".

Friday and Saturday was workshops and Community gathering. There was about 8,000 participants. One of the goals of Assembly 2018 is to "Build Relationships," so they have created a brand new space offering participants opportunities to learn from each other. Sunday was the closing service and my trip home. Elsa continued on to Boston for educational classes on nursing.

Two of the speakers that we had was:

Leymah Gbowee received the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 2011 for her work in leading a women's peace movement that brought an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003. Ms. Gbowee shared the prize with Liberia's President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Yemen native Tawakkol Karman. Ms. Gbowee and President Sirleaf became the second and third African women to win the prize, preceded by the late Wangari Maathai of Kenya. Ms. Gbowee is the founder and president of Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa based in Liberia. Her foundation provides educational and leadership opportunities to girls, women and youth in West Africa.

Michelle Alexander is author of the critically acclaimed "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness," a stunning account of millions of African Americans imprisoned and then relegated to a permanent second-class citizenship and legally denied enfranchisements won in the Civil Rights Movement. A legal scholar and civil rights litigator, Ms. Alexander has taught at a number of universities, including Stanford Law School, where she was an associate professor of law and director of its Civil Rights Clinics. In 2005, she accepted a joint appointment at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. Ms. Alexander has been featured in numerous national radio and television outlets, including NPR, C-Span, Washington Journal and Bill Moyers Journal. "The New Jim Crow" is a 2011 NAACP Image Award winner. She was a featured academic in the Academy Award nominated documentary "13th," exploring systemic racism and the prison pipeline.

Hope you enjoy the pictures of Elsa and myself during our trip.

Cheryl Harmon Fremont United Methodist Women Representative

Roots Camp and Vacation Bible School



Kairos Prison Ministry - <http://www.kairosprisonministry.org>

On October 5-8, Pastor Anne will be entering prison as part of the Kairos Prison ministry team. We will serve women at the Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) in Dublin, CA. Their mission is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:36b, "I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Many of us may not have had the opportunity or ability to visit and minister to people in prison. You can join in ministry to those in prison by:

- Signing up on the prayer list
- Donate \$5 for a "spiritual meal" to support ministry expenses
- Make hand cut outs for decorating the room
- Make posters with bible verses and encouragement for decorating the room



A Word from Pastor Suhnee



Wow! Can't believe the summer is already over. I do hope that you all had a wonderful and restful summer. Looking back on this past few summer months, I cannot help but have this overwhelming gratitude for all of you. In the midst of all of the ministry taking place, I have been thankful for the opportunity to be in ministry together. In the midst of all the celebrations of birthdays and weddings, I have been grateful to share in your family joys and highlights. You have also included me in your grief and have trusted me to help bear the heaviness of your hearts. In all of these things, I am so thankful for each and every one of you and the fellowship of Christ we share in this beautiful community of faith called SAINT PAUL.

I would like to take the time to thank the many volunteers and staff that led our many wonderful summer programs. We had a wonderful VBS with almost 110 children, which included children from our preschool. From youth volunteers to adult volunteers, many served with love and diligence to make VBS a memorable growing experience for all. Of course, none of this could have happened without the dedicated leadership of our Children's ministry director Pamela Blankenbeckeler.

Our summer camp program, Roots, had a very successful second year. Great thanks to our director, Jonathan Bautista, who took on multiple roles from marketing to running the programs and many others in between. We are so fortunate to have him and his obvious passion for this program. We are also grateful for all the other staff that helped make Roots such a vibrant ministry and service to our community.

I want to give special thanks to Lance Choy who has been there for our youth week after week, month after month, and year after year. Lance has made many personal connections by mentoring youth over the years.

We often do not see his efforts, but he always offers a time and place for college age young adults to gather over the summer with meals and rich spiritual conversations. Starting this fall, some of the young adults who are nearby will gather once a month. We thank Lance for his passion and care.

Of course, I can't forget our UMW for hosting the Ice Cream Social – a great opportunity of fellowship for our SAINT PAUL community. I also want to thank them for their loving hearts as they gather baby items for expecting mothers in the Real Options program.

We had a very wonderful time at our very first "Potluck with Pastors" that takes place every Third Wednesday of the month. We counted our blessings, gave thanks and shared in table fellowship. Although my Korean noodle didn't turn out to be the best, I will redeem myself by bringing better Jap Chae next month. And I do hope to see many more of you there! Special shout to our Fellowship team and many who serve at these events and make the time of fellowship that much more special.

There are many more people who share their gifts and faithfully serve our Lord together day-in and day-out, beyond summer times and programs. I would like to thank all of you!

Now, the fall is here, and our community is bustling with many opportunities for fellowship, spiritual connection and growth in Christ. We have a few new opportunities for study and we will share the details soon.

I would like to highlight one special event coming up very soon. In the spirit of giving thanks to our Lord for our faith community and ministry at SAINT PAUL, Pastor Anne

and I would like to invite all of you to come and join us for **Ministry Sunday/Church Potluck on September 2**. We will have one service at 9:30 AM and be together as church family to share a meal together afterwards. While we are sharing lunch together, we will invite different ministry areas and its team members to come up to a microphone to share their God-sightings and thanksgiving. It's always good to gather, it's always good to share a meal together, it's always great to give thanks to our Lord and count our blessings together. I would like to ask the chair of each ministry area to think about what they might want to share as well as invite other members of their team to do so as well. It will be a casual time of sharing. You can imagine it as a big family dinner together with great conversation. Let us share our joys and let us give thanks to our Lord! Hope to see you there!



Update on Shirley Etuale

Please keep praying as they continue to care for her father in law in hospice and may stay till their visa expires in a few months. Please pray for the girls and the family dealing with the cold winter.

SPY UPDATE FROM LANCE CHOY

Youth Group Meets every Friday at 7:30 pm in the Family Resource Center

SPY HAPPENINGS:

June is dominated with graduation time! We had a nice grad night dinner celebrating with families graduates from junior high to college. Unfortunately, I think I may have missed a couple of graduates to invite for the party. . . sorry!!! We didn't meet June 8th. It was the game 4 of the NBA finals. Last year I planned on meeting, and no one showed. I'm getting smarter every year. We had a great car wash and made \$382 for CI scholarships. Boy, that afternoon, I slept like a log and almost missed the Warrior's game. Thanks for your support.

We're starting to get ready for Roots (summer camp), July 9th through August 10th. The Family Resource Center is the primary hub for the activities although the second floor is also used. SPY is preparing the room and the outside area for the camp. June has been an easy month as youth go through the end of the school year.

As we shift into our summer schedule, we have a number of activities planned. We'll be doing some outings like bowling and a beach trip. We are going to do a series on Christian movies and continue our devotional series. And we'll be doing a couple more fundraisers for CI. Summer is going to be fun!

Yea! It's summer time!

Blessings,
Lance



Welcome new members, the Antonio family (Vilma, Eric, Noel, Sergio and Casey, Casey not present).

Roots Camps and Vacation Bible School



Thanks to David and Dina Enriquez for cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the Roots campers.

A Word from Pastor Anne



What a full, full summer this has been!

Thank you to so many of you for your birthday wishes way back in June! (That seems so long ago!) It was so much fun to have you celebrate with me! Hana Hou Kitchen catered our food and Earl the Pearl offered music for entertainment and dancing. I am also excited to share that we collected over \$700 for Compassion Network. More than half was used to purchase clipper cards for public transportation and the rest given to be used where most needed. Thank you very much for your generosity and kindness.

We are exploring full use of our property and buildings. Our prayer team hosted the True Identity prayer conference with 170 participants.

Roots summer camp completed its 2nd year with 2- 2 week sessions. Total of 49 campers, 9 staff and 17 volunteers for the summer. Special thanks to David and Dina Enriquez for preparing the final hamburger and hot dog lunch at the end of each session for our hungry campers! Each session finished with a film festival of original creations that were quite surprising and delightful! A wonderful community was formed for learning, growing, caring and fun.

Vacation Bible School was another fun filled week of energy and learning about Jesus. Our theme was Shipwrecked. In the storms of life – **Jesus rescues!** See the Kingdom Kidz article for more highlights of the week. Special thanks to Pam Blankenbeckler, our Director of Children's ministries, and Mark Bautista for leading a week full of God sightings. I was especially

touched when kids twice started chanting, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!" My heart was warmed. And my legs were sure tired after a week as a crew leader.

Our UMW hosted their annual ice cream social and baby shower for clients of RealOptions. Outreach lead us to collect backpacks for elementary students in need through Compassion Network.

We learned about Jesus' inner circle – Peter, James and John.

Invite a friend Sunday happened August 19th with a 2 week series on Forgiveness.

Thank you all for your prayers, donations and the gift of your hands and feet. I love how we combine fun and generosity with Loving God and Loving People. I think it really honors and pleases God!

I read a great story of a woman asking the question, "How do we make the second half of our lives the best half?" Patricia found her answer in purposeful, God-honoring work.

"I am not 25 anymore, or 45, or even 65. But God doesn't care.

It's Monday and my phone is ringing. My email inbox is full. My workload is steady. The harvest is ripe, as the Good Book says, and God has work for me to do."

"That's the biggest surprise to me about getting older: God doesn't worry about age. He needs willing workers.



... I used to think our best years were based on timing and talents, but our best years, it turns out, are based on our godly purpose—and our willingness to labor for the cause of it."

Rather than a "midlife crisis," Patricia is living out the opposite. It's so countercultural that I don't know what to call it. A midlife hustle? A midlife spurt of productivity? I'm sure she'd just call it another day, week, month, of following God's direction for her.

Patricia shared advice from a 105-year-old mentor: "To live a good long life? Pace yourself. Stay busy. But let the Holy Spirit do the work."

Let's keep running the race set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus!

Roots Camp and Vacation Bible School



Many thanks to Pam Blankenbeckler, Director of Children's Ministry, Mark Bautista, and 20+ volunteers who were the hands and feet of Jesus to 118 children and each other! Jesus Rescues!



United Methodist Women (UMW) (continued)



Come join the fun! Sign up for the Golf Tournament!!

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