From Pastor April
We’ve been looking at the Epistle of Ephesians - letters that are attributed once again as being written by Paul to the people of Ephesus, but there is a little debate still as to whether or not Paul wrote these letters. We continue, until new information becomes available to tell us otherwise, to attribute this Epistle book to Paul. Like many of the Epistles, Paul is encouraging us on this Christian journey, knowing it will not be easy.

What is so relevant about Ephesians is that we are encouraged to be together, one in Christ. We are all one family. Paul reminds us how to love one another as part of the beloved community.

This month, we will explore more about what it means to have patience and love, how we fit in with the community, and experience thanksgiving, not just in the month of November, but every day. I look forward to exploring this with you. Remember that you can join us in person or via zoom - both start at 10 a.m. See you Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor April

Join Zoom Worship 10 a.m. Sundays
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August Worship
August 1
Patience & Love
Ephesians 4:1-16

August 8
Choosing to Live in Community
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 15
Thanksgiving in August
Ephesians 5:15-20

August 22
Tony Giraud leads worship

August 29
Youth Sunday
Blessing of the Backpacks & Photo booth
Mask/Face Covering Requirements at the Joyful Healer:

At the Church Council Meeting on Sunday, July 18th, we took a vote on the requirements for use of Masks/Face Coverings while in the church. It was approved that, until further notice, we will required masks/face coverings, regardless of vaccination status. There is one exception that involves the music team which will be discussed next.

If you do not have a mask or face covering when you attend church on Sundays, we have disposable masks that you will be asked to put on.

For those wishing to be in the music team: Due to the nature of singing close to each other, we ask that at this time, all members of the team be vaccinated. Those members will be placed behind and near the air circulation devices and may remove face coverings as they sing only. Once team members move to the main floor, face coverings must be worn.

We appreciate everyone's understanding of this, and want to encourage considerate and respectful communication when it is noticed that someone is not wearing a mask.

Any changes will be communicated with you as they arise.

Summer of Connection Continues

**Time for Adventure!**  

**August 1 - Hike at the Chah-GAH-Cho trail** - meet at south end of Mill Creek Cinema Parking Lot off Betty Court

**August 8 - Beach Day at Clam Beach**

**August 15 - Hike at the Vista Point lookout**

**August 20 - Friday Fun Night - Games and Pizza** - Join us for an evening of pizza and explore board games like Throw, throw burrito, Exploding Kittens, what the meme?; Lawn games like Cornhole; and card games like cribbage (a Saturday Gathering favorite!) This is an all ages event. 5:30-7 p.m.
**Small Groups:**

**Sunday AM Spanish Class w/Rocio Torres**

@ 9:00 am

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**Book Club**

August’s Book Club pick is *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke

When: Thursday, August 19 @ 6:00 pm

Looking ahead:

September: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

October: *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Direct Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87615714074?
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*Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm*

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**Prayerful Handiwork**

Thursday, September 2 -

Knitting group (this is August’s meeting because Pastor April is out of town) - 5:30 p.m. at Pastor April’s house. RSVP for directions.

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**FAMILY VACCINATION FAIR**

AUGUST 21, 2021
11AM - 2PM

United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer
1944 Central Ave, McKinleyville

- Pfizer for all 12+
- Johnson & Johnson for all 18+
- Walk-ins available!

LUNCH PROVIDED
GIFT CARD RAFFLE

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Rosario
(707)267-6925
Yohana
(707)441-0986
“Fundamentally ecstasy means to transcend yourself, to go outside and beyond what you think, know, and believe. An ecstatic state is a glimpse into the infinite.” – Margot Anand

Our Joyful Healer Youth Programs are picking up momentum, offering a variety of ways for our youth, newcomers and church members to get involved.

In August our in-person youth group will meet Sunday evenings at 5 PM.
Youth ages 12 -17 are encouraged to join us for games, crafts, friends and fellowship.
(We are a progressive and inclusive Methodist Church and we welcome all youth in this age group despite culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic status or creed.)

Our Youth Programs are currently looking for potential donations of the following items:
- Clean, Quality Fabric Scraps
- Tie Dye Ink / Plain White T Shirts
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Yarn and Embroidery Thread
- Beads and Jewelry making supplies
- Noise Makers of all kinds
- Wicker Baskets of all sizes
- Plaster or Clay
- Large Neutral Colored Area Rug
- Iron on Patches
- Bleachable Learning Toys
- Fresh Vegetables for our Elders Dinner (August 19th)
- Baked Goods for our Bake Sale Fundraiser (August 28th)

Please contact Liz or Rose directly if you have donations for our youth ministries program.
Joyworks Farmers Market Fieldtrip-

11:30 AM Saturday August 7th

Come out and explore the bounty the Humboldt harvest has to offer.

We will be meeting next to the famous “climbing tree” on the plaza. Come out and join the fun! Delicious foods, live music and community ambiance. It’s sure to be a good time for all ages, so bring the whole family.

Blessings on Our Elders Event-

6 PM Thursday August 19th

Our Youth and Joyworks members will be serving a delicious home cooked dinner completely free to our elders, age 60 and older. (Donations will be accepted.)

Come let our Joyful youth celebrate and pamper you!

(This event will include an open mic, and our elders are encouraged to bring a story to share.)

This event is sure to be an inter-generational community experience based in radical hospitality.

Fundraising Bake Sale and Lemonade Stand-

11 AM Saturday August 28th

Come out and support our UMCJH Youth and Family Ministries by purchasing some of our homemade baked treats. Members of our Youth Group and Joyworks crew will be offering a delicious assortment of delectable goodies made by loving hearts and skillful hands.

Have a sweet tooth that needs satiating?

Don’t forget to wash down all that homemade goodness with a tall glass of icy lemonade,

Prayers for our Youth:

In August our prayers go out to Talulah and her family as she makes this transition abroad to spend a year with her Father in Norway. We also send our prayers and best wishes for her sister Navaeh as she works with doctors to begin HRT, and continues to step further into adulthood.

We also continue to pray for Braedon Simpson and his healing as he continues to re-find his footing after a bad scooter accident at the beginning of the Summer.

We Celebrate the announcement of the engagement of Orion Lacy, our past youth leader who is soon to marry the love of his life, Vicky.

And we send blessings and thanks to all of those who continue to support our youth programs through tithing, fundraisers and other donations including time, resources and energy.

We couldn’t do this without you.
I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we have been experiencing. Summer is in full swing as things start to open up everywhere...I hope you have a chance to make some wonderful summer memories with your family, friends and whoever you choose to do life with.

The outreach ministry is going very well as we continue to serve folks every Saturday, provide showers twice a month through Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA), have monthly visits by the Dept of Health and Human Services Home Program where folks can get connected to a variety of services, the little free pantry by Cooperation Humboldt, and of course our wonderful partnership with the Family Resource Center. For those who may not know, they are temporarily calling the Joyful Healer home until the new Center is completed. While we hope they get to move into their permanent home soon, it is so nice to have them serving folks from our building in the meantime!

A few of the avenues being explored to expand this ministry are employment readiness with the goal of eventual placement in full or part time work, helping folks locate housing with possible financial assistance, and expanding our clothing closet. There are so many needs that we could possibly address that it’s a bit overwhelming, so I just need to pray for God’s guidance and take it one day at a time. I have only been able to work between 7 to 10 hours a week at the church due to my 32 hour commitment at my other job, but I have asked them to reduce my hours to 24 hours to add another full day working at the church. There is enough grant money to pay me up to 25 hours per week so that will be the goal moving forward.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer, donate, or be involved in any way. 707/336-2852 or umcjhoutreach@gmail.com.

Blessings, Tony

Worship Sound:

My name is Kieran and I am very excited to be joining everyone on my new path here at the Joyful Healer. Since the pandemic, I haven’t been able to work much as an audio technician but now I am excited to start a new journey here with you. My work experience ranges anywhere from community theater to full scale production audio, yet I am happy to be diving into the world of Worship Sound. I am also very excited to be working with Linda and the rest of the worship team as we continue to build our amazing music program. We have lots of amazing technology in the space and I’m happy to be able to use the gear to its full potential. Thank you so much for the opportunity to become a part of this congregation and I hope to meet every one of you as we grow in community together!

God Bless,

Kieran James
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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 umcjoffice@gmail to get in touch