



# THE WILLOW WORD

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## Sunday Worship

**10:00 a.m.**

Worship

**11:00 a.m.**

Fellowship Time

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Find the Official Church Calendar at: [www.tinyurl.com/wgumc-calendar](http://www.tinyurl.com/wgumc-calendar)



## Reconciling Ministries Meeting - Sunday, July 1

The Reconciling Ministries team will be meeting after church on **Sunday, July 1** (immediately following coffee fellowship time). Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in joining the team, or have any questions, please contact Lara Brock at [larabrock33@hotmail.com](mailto:larabrock33@hotmail.com).

## Summer Fellowship: While the Cat's Away, the Mice will Play!

Pastor Rebecca is starting her renewal leave July 2, but we are planning some super fun fellowship events while she's away:

**July 8:** All American Day (info below)

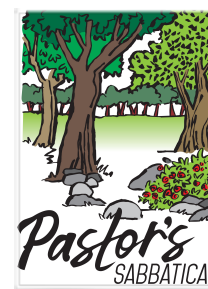
**July 15:** Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Zwingman Family hosted by Michelle Partsch, Michelle Unger, Corazon Collen

**July 22:** Service Project hosted by Liz Pense and Corazon Collen

**July 29:** Potluck hosted by Jane Vivian and Kristin Kufeldt

**Aug 5:** Luau with a real roasted pig!!! Hosted by Dave Freeman, Leslie Chamberlain, Efen Lopez, and Tom Grubb

We could use your help with planning, set up and clean up on any or all of these Sundays, so contact one of the event hosts and let them know if you can lend a hand.



## All-American Day: July 8

Don't let the festivities end on Independence Day! **Sunday, July 8**, is All-American Day at WGUMC!

- **Wear Jeans & a T-shirt** featuring your favorite baseball team - or any sports team!

- **The Dessert Pie Contest** - Enter your favorite pie (or your neighbor's favorite pie)! Just bake, then bring it to church on Sunday. While you enjoy coffee hour with friends, the judges will choose the best pie from each category: Fruit, Berry & Other. You may enter 1 pie from each category. Contact Patricia Madsen at [pamadsen@hotmail.com](mailto:pamadsen@hotmail.com) if you will be entering 1 or more so there will be enough table space and judges. Here is a list of pies:

**Fruit Pies:** Apple, Apricot, Banana, Cherry, Peach, Key Lime, Lemon Merengue, Pineapple, Orange Chiffon

**Berry Pies:** Blackberry, Blueberry, Boysenberry Cranberry, Gooseberry, Huckleberry, Loganberry, Raspberry, Strawberry, Mixed Berry

**Other Dessert Pies:** Boston Cream, Chocolate Cream, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Pecan, Coconut Cream, Mince Pie, Pumpkin, Rhubarb, Sweet Potato



- Join other WGUMC members at the **San Jose Giants Game** at 5:00 p.m. (seniors and children \$8, adults \$12; or look for their Aquafina 4-pack, which includes tickets, hotdogs and sodas for four for \$44 at [www.milb.com/san-jose](http://www.milb.com/san-jose))

Let Leslie Chamberlain ([leslie\\_chamberlain@hotmail.com](mailto:leslie_chamberlain@hotmail.com)) know if you plan to come to the game or want to carpool. We'll save seats for you!

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Zwingman Family: July 15

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Sarah Zwingman on **Sunday, July 15**. We'll serve you a delicious breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and fruit salad for your donation to the fundraiser. We will need help with set up, clean up, and providing fruit salad. Watch for the sign-up sheets in church, or email Michelle Partsch at [michelle@woodhavenpreschool.org](mailto:michelle@woodhavenpreschool.org) to be added to the volunteer sign-up sheets and the committee will contact you with specifics.

## (\$2) Buck-a-Burger - Three Weeks in July

"Buck-a-Burger" returns to Willow Glen UMC as we celebrate the hazy days of Summer. Due to inflation, the new price is \$2, ☺ but that's still cheaper (and better!) than the fast food restaurants! Join us on the *Woodhaven Patio* on **Wednesdays, July 11, 18 and 25 starting at 5:30pm** for a great burger & fun fellowship! **Open to the public!** Invite your friends and neighbors - and, please, **bring a side dish to share** with everyone.



## Tackle-It-Tuesdays! July 17 and August 21



Every 3rd Tuesday of each Month at 11:00 a.m. (*note new start time*)

Join the Trustees and Volunteers on Third Tuesday mornings to help tackle those nagging little chores we need done around the church campus! Tasks for all ages and abilities! We can use your help! More info: contact Neil Fissel at [hiltz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hiltz@sbcglobal.net)

## Lift Update

We are still waiting for final approval on our revised plans for the lift. But we have already purchased the lift in order to avoid the price increase due to the tariffs. We are hoping the lift comes before Jesus does! Meanwhile, thank you to Neil Fissel for arranging for the resealing and restriping of our parking lot. First impressions are so important, and the parking lot says: we care

## Financial Update

Our financial picture continues to remain fairly stable with income and expenses tracking very close to our budget. We were fortunate that we started the year with a large pledge that has helped us keep a balanced budget so far. However, that cushion is now gone. So now that the summer months are here it is even more important that we all keep current with our pledges. And if you are someone that only gives a few times a year this would be a great time to give. Thank you for your faithfulness as we head into the second half of 2018 at Willow Glen UMC.



## Upcoming Event for Reconciling Ministries in August



The Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival will be **August 25-26**. On **August 25**, the Night Festival will be from 6:00-11:00 p.m. and on **August 26** the Day Festival will be from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Festivities will take place at Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park, 1 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose 95113 and will include live entertainment and food. The Parade is 10:00 a.m. to noon **August 26** along Market Street. For more information, visit [www.svpride.com](http://www.svpride.com).

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## Pastoral Letter

Last week, I was listening to Marlon Hall, a spiritual leader, anthropologist, filmmaker, social entrepreneur, author and yoga instructor from Houston, who was our very engaging speaker at Annual Conference in Modesto. As I drove home, his message was driving home for me. He had talked much about how we have to “be” before we can “do,” how we need to “unearth” our true selves and reconnect with our passion before we can do what God is calling us to do and make a difference in our world. I realized that this is just what I needed to hear before going on renewal leave **starting July 2 and ending on August 7.**

You may be working and wish you could take a renewal leave or you may no longer be working but find yourself in need of renewal anyway. I invite you to use this summer time to reconnect with a passion of yours or exercise some unused talents you have or explore some new places. Do something creative. Try a new recipe. Read a book that is on a topic you know nothing about. Take in an art show or a museum exhibit. Visit an open space you’ve never been to before. There is so much potential all around us and within us but we are often moving too fast to notice it, let alone use it. Summer is a great time to slow down, breathe deep, and soak our spirits in the cool, refreshing living water that is always gushing up to new life. It’s also the perfect time to try to imagine the life that God is calling us to live and consider what needs to change so that we can live into that calling. For five weeks this summer, that’s what I intend to do. How about you?

Enjoy!  
Rebecca

## Guest Preachers for Summer Worship: 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**July 8:** Rev. Linda Holbrook  
**July 15 & 22:** Rev. Dick Corson  
**July 29:** Certified Lay Speaker Linda Yepiz  
**August 5:** Christmas in August! Certified Lay Speaker William Jeske

## Guest Preacher on July 15 and 22

The Reverend Richard Corson, a native of Stockton and a graduate of the University of the Pacific and Stanford, spent 3.5 years in Peru as a short-term missionary before serving several churches in the California-Nevada Annual Conference. Along with his wife and co-pastor, Dr. Roberta Corson, he retired from Campbell UMC in 2006 following 20 years of ministry in that community. In retirement Rev. Corson is a home maker and imaginative chef who also reads voraciously, travels frequently, delights in the reading and writing of poetry, dabbles in photography, exercises religiously, stays young at heart with his two amazing grandchildren, and remains a practicing friend to people in many parts of the world. When not filling in on a Sunday morning, he worships most frequently at Wesley UMC in San Jose or at Campbell where he and Roberta are Pastors Emeriti.



## Pastoral Care for the Summer

While Pastor Rebecca is enjoying some renewal leave, her clergy colleagues will be taking emergency calls. If you have a need or know of one, contact the church office and we will connect you with someone who can help. For ongoing pastoral care, several of you signed up to keep in touch with our more vulnerable members, but anyone can pray, call, send cards or visit them. Addresses and contact information is available in the church office.

## Women's Groups

United Methodist Women is open to all women regardless of church membership. Please call the contact listed below for information.

United Methodist Women Circles will not meet in July and August

### Heart & Hands

*Susan Smith*

### Friendship Circle

*Sue Johnson*

### UMW Executive Board

Sunday, Sept 9  
11:45 a.m. in  
Woodhaven  
*Ruth Granfors*

For more information, call Ruth Granfors at 408-444-0702.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS:

### Blessed Are the Children; Let Us Protect Them!

The UMW has been focusing on Social Justice Action/Immigration this year with a nationwide stand against the oppression of immigrant children and their parents. We have seen images of youth and babies as young as 8 months being separated from nursing mothers who are running from violence in their own countries and seeking asylum at U.S. ports of entry. Many parents have no idea where their children are being detained. Our nation is practicing massive abuse of human rights. We cannot be silent in the face of these atrocities. The thousands of children in concentration camps must be reunited with their families.

You can help by calling the **Congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121** today and every single day to witness for justice and humanity. We need to expeditiously reunify these families, expedite the donated DNA registry of parents and children, and allow the International Red Cross to spearhead this reunification process. For more information, visit: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/how-united-methodists-can-help-immigrant-families>



### Mission u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the world

Formerly known as the School of Christian Mission, **Mission u** is an annual UMW training event. Its purpose is to deepen our walk with God and to study the current issues impacting society. Participants grow in understanding God's call to engage in mission, service and advocacy. This year there are three Mission u options to choose from. The first is on **Saturday, August 4** at Korean UMC Santa Clara Valley, 1001 Ginger Lane, San Jose, 95128.

You may choose from any of four study options: Spiritual Growth: Embracing Wholeness; Social Issue: What About Our Money? A Faith Response; Geographic Study: Missionary Conferences of the U.S. United Methodist Church; and Youth Study: Is It Just Money? Our dollars, God's Economy. Registration forms for all three Mission u options are on the UMW Bulletin Board in the church hallway.

### Lifted Spirits Lunch is Wednesday, August 1

We will take lunch to the Lifted Spirits Drop-in Center on **Wednesday, August 1**. As always, the Willow Glen UMW appreciates everyone's involvement and support of this ongoing local mission. Lunch will be Chicken Caesar Salad (Jane),

Jello Salad, Pasta Salad, Peach Cobbler (Ruth) and drinks (Gwyne). If you would like to participate in this mission, please let Ruth Granfors know (408-444-0702). We can always use salads, cookies and beverages, etc. We meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to assemble all donated items and then carpool to Lifted Spirits.



## United Methodist Women 2018 Calendar

- July 1 Lifted Spirits Retirement Celebration for Rev. Sharon Hare. See UMW Bulletin Board in the church hallway for details.
- Aug. 4 Mission u, Korean UMC Santa Clara Valley, 1001 Ginger Lane, San Jose, CA 95128
- Aug. 10-11 Two Day Mission u, Trinity UMC, Chico, CA
- Aug. 17-19 Weekend Mission u, Wesley UMC, Fresno, CA
- Sept. 5 UMW Lifted Spirits Meal
- Sept. 9 UMW Executive Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m. Woodhaven
- Oct. 3 UMW Lifted Spirits Meal
- Oct. 20 CA/NV Annual Conference Annual Celebration, Campbell, UMC

**Joint Youth Ministry and the Boy Scouts pack meals for Rise Against Hunger**



**Saturday, July 7, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

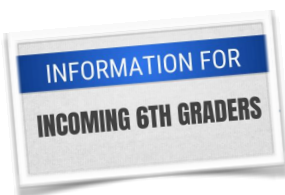
in Kohlstedt Hall; the Joint Youth Ministry and Boy Scout Troop 233 will pack meals for [Rise Against Hunger](#).

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid in over 74 countries. This event is a kick-off event for Rise Against Hunger's south Silicon Valley location and is designated for JYM and Boy Scouts only. All are welcome to come and watch, but this is a shorter than usual event which will have news media & others from RAH present. We hope and expect to have our own church-wide food-packing event in the future.

About Rise Against Hunger:

In 1998, envisioning a world without hunger, Rev. Ray Buchanan – a United Methodist minister – founded Stop Hunger Now. In 2017, Stop Hunger Now rebranded to become Rise Against Hunger. After enlisting as a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam War, Ray Buchanan quickly recognized that accomplishing a mission required “commitment to something larger than yourself.” Driving Rise Against Hunger’s work is the recognition that ending hunger is more than just feeding people, which led Rise Against Hunger to focus its feeding programs in areas where they can have a real impact and expand their hunger-fighting programs beyond meal packaging and distribution. Rise Against Hunger meal packaging volunteers produce millions of nutritious meals annually that are then distributed to partners in countries around the world.

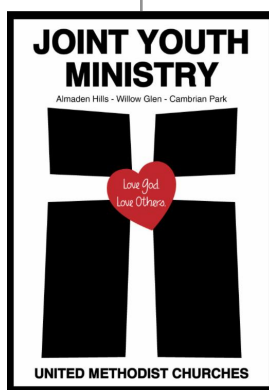
Another core focus of Rise Against Hunger is responding to crises—both natural and man-made. From droughts to floods, in conflict zones and transitioning political situations, food is often the most immediate need. When everyday access to food, wages, and market systems are destroyed in the wake of emergencies, Rise Against Hunger works through a network of in-country partners to address these needs.



**Sixth-Graders Joining the Joint Youth Ministry**

We've been getting lots of "When can I join" messages, and we are so excited to have new 6th-graders be

part of our family when the summer ends. If you have an incoming 6th-grader and are interested in the JYM, please be sure we have your info/their info so we can welcome them in August and communicate with their parental units about all



the things needed. Please email [katrina3cyouth@gmail.com](mailto:katrina3cyouth@gmail.com) so she can have you on the list.

We kick off the **Welcome to JYM** with an ice cream social on **August 19** at Willow Glen UMC (time pending).

We welcome 6th-graders into regular Sunday night youth group meetings on **August 26** at WGUMC.

You don't have to go to any of our churches to join the JYM, and our host church for August is WGUMC. But, that doesn't mean it isn't for everyone. All the JYM things are for everyone!

**It is time for another Magical Mystery Trip!**

Every other year, Lisa and Kat plan a fun end-of-summer trip where they take students somewhere within a 180 mile radius of San Jose and plan activities that they have no details about! There will be one service project, a lot of outdoor and indoor activities and a lot of time with friends. (Parents will be given an itinerary the day of drop off).

Cost is \$175, which includes all activities and meals. You can apply scholarship hours to this trip as well! Parents - we need one more person to help drive and chaperone for this trip! If you are able to, please e-mail Kat and Lisa!

You must RSVP to attend. It is open to all *current 6th-12th grade students*. You can find more details when you sign up, but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to e-mail Lisa or Kat!



Sign up here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesa6WTTY7ORYkizKF3MtEM2JbDIFtiYOeWe\\_VGc7wlmOoIWw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesa6WTTY7ORYkizKF3MtEM2JbDIFtiYOeWe_VGc7wlmOoIWw/viewform)

You can always find out what's happening with the JYM by visiting our website: <http://www.jointyouthgroup.com/>

Our contact info: [lisa3cyouth@gmail.com](mailto:lisa3cyouth@gmail.com) and [katrina3cyouth@gmail.com](mailto:katrina3cyouth@gmail.com)

## Worshipping with Children

Children are an important part of our church family, and are always included in our worship services on Sunday mornings. You never have to worry that your child will be "too restless" for worship. Our children bring an energy and liveliness to worship that we all enjoy and appreciate. We encourage children to participate in worship in the ways that they are comfortable. Many share their joys and concerns during the prayer time, and join in our responses. Others dance in the aisles, read a book, or work on an activity clipboard provided in worship each week. It is amazing how much our children learn about worship and their faith by participating with us each week.

This summer, we will continue to have a "Time for the Child" in worship each week with Pastor Susan. However, following "Time for the Child," kids will be invited to remain in worship with their families or go out to the playground for free play supervised by our nursery staff. The staff will bring the children back to worship for prayer time so we can explore some new and creative ways to share our prayers each week. In worship, we will still have "busy bags" available for young children which contain quiet activities for them to explore while soaking in the life of worship around them. We hope that your family will find what you need to make worship a time of rest and growth for you each week this summer.

## AHUMC Vacation Bible School

**Theme: Shipwrecked**  
**July 16-20 from 9:00**  
**a.m.-12:00 p.m.**



AHUMC is looking for teen volunteers! If you can help out for some days or the whole week, e-mail children's director Peggy Joy at [pjdile-AHUMC@yahoo.com](mailto:pjdile-AHUMC@yahoo.com)

They also have room for younger students to sign-up! You can do so by filling out a flier in the AHUMC office, and hopefully online soon.

## CPUMC Vacation Bible School

**Theme: Hero Central, Finding Your Strength in God**  
**July 23-27**



CPUMC is looking for teen volunteers! Specifically to help with science, art, and leading the puppet show! They also still have room for younger students to sign-up. To volunteer or sign up a camper, contact Children's Director Grace Trout at [cambrianparkumckids@gmail.com](mailto:cambrianparkumckids@gmail.com)

The deadline for the September  
*Willow Word* is **August 24**.  
 Please send your story ideas  
 and submissions to  
[Janissa.Dayrit@gmail.com](mailto:Janissa.Dayrit@gmail.com)

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## Update on Sarah Zwingman

Sarah Zwingman was planning to return to Mayo Clinic in August for more tests and treatment. Indications are that her cancer, though in the very early stage, is growing, so she will be moving up that schedule. Meanwhile, we will go ahead with our pancake breakfast fundraiser for their out-of-pocket expenses on July 15. Watch your email and worship bulletin for more details. Please continue to pray for the Zwingman family, and here are some other ways you can help them out:

1. A GoFundMe campaign has been set up to help the family - visit <https://www.gofundme.com/sarahzwingman> to donate.
2. Those of you who are church friends can contribute to our "We Care Fund" either by writing a check to WGUMC and including "We Care for Sarah" on the memo line or by giving an online donation through our website (go to [give.wgumc.org](http://give.wgumc.org), then click on "We Care Sarah Zwingman")

Please visit one of the above sites and consider donating whatever amount you are able. The Zwingmans have a great attitude and strong faith, but would deeply appreciate any assistance you can provide, along with your thoughts and prayers.

## Tom's Rent Fund

Imagine what the world feels like living in San Jose on \$900 a month looking up from a wheel chair. Suppose you actually figured out how to survive on rent of \$700, leaving \$200 for food and essentials - not even \$7 a day. Our friend Tom, David Forderer's brother who attends WGUMC with David when he can doesn't have to imagine any of that - he lives it every minute of every day. I learned that Tom's landlord recently raised the rent, as he does every year. Now Tom's share of the rent is \$900 a month, his entire income. I met with Tom and his social case workers to lend support and learn more about the circumstances. The sudden change in Tom's rent situation has put the case workers into motion to try and find him another living situation - good news. But that may take some time. I would like to start a small fund to help Tom close the gap on his \$200 a month rent increase to buy him some time to land another living situation. My goal is to raise \$1,200 that would cover him for six months. Just knowing we are trying to help gives Tom a little peace of mind. If you try for just a moment to sit in his chair and see the world as Tom does, how can we not help him? Please give what you can to the WGUMC We Care fund designated to "Tom's Rent Fund." Thank you!



## News About Glide Memorial UMC

You may have heard something on the news about Glide Church in San Francisco. The situation is many-sided and attempts to reconcile the differences between the Glide Foundation and the Bishop and Cabinet have thus far been unsuccessful. A letter that details the problems at Glide is on the Conference website ([www.cnumc.org](http://www.cnumc.org)) and printed copies are available in the narthex. Whatever the outcome of the legal proceedings, our prayer is that the vital services that Glide provides will continue. Bishop Carcaño invites us to join her in prayer and fasting as the process moves forward.



**Remember These Folks in your Prayers:**

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Steve Quigley and family  
Sara Zwingman and family  
Pat and Tom Farrow  
Jane Plane  
Dorothy Mauseth  
Harriet Hosack  
Eva Fisher

Mary Pierson  
Kay Champion  
Kay Dahl  
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