

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Newbury Park



Good News!

**October
2016**

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Our Purpose

To grow in our relationship with
God, ourselves, and others.
To carry out the ministry of Jesus
Christ.

Mission Statement

Bring spiritual wanderers
and seekers into
relationship with Jesus Christ.

Grow as disciples
in a small group community.

Serve out of our
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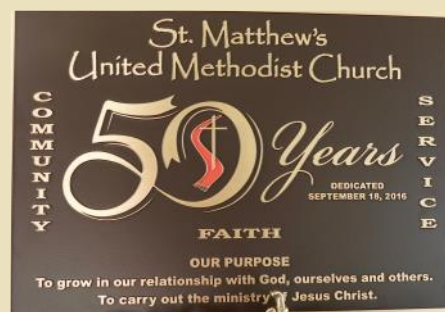


Rev. Stanley Ferguson
sfergusone@gmail.com



Above:

Lay Leader Mele
Maka, N. District
Superintendent
Rev. Jim Powell
and his wife
Stephanie, Bishop
Grant Hagiya, Rev.
Dr. Colleen Wind-
ham Hughes, Rev.
Stan Ferguson



Below:

Building Committee
Chair Tom McEachern,
with Lynne Austin's
family:
Emily Stufblfield,
Shannon Stubblefield,
Jan Aller, Dr. Ray Aller,
Greg Anglea, Leigh
Anglea



**1360 S. Wendy Dr.
Newbury Park, CA 91320
(805) 498-6910**

Office Hours:
9am - 3pm Tuesday- Friday
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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am Informal Service
9:45 am Nursery Care Available
10:00 am Traditional Service with
Choir
10:00 am Sunday School
11:30 am Youth Group



In constant Praise and Prayer

If you would like prayers lifted up in worship, added to the prayer chain and/or included in the list below, please contact Lynne Hartley at (805) 341-5172 or BluCru@aol.com

Prayer Requests

The family of Jim Purvis upon his passing (St. Amand family)

Family of Nancy Phillipson on her passing (Scott Spindell, Pam McDonald)

Kathy Vargeson recovery from a hospital stay (Jim Vargeson)

Betty Johnson strength and recovery from a hospital stay (Carla von Zell)

Ken Herr in hospice care and unable to talk (Meribeth Freeman)

Dan Overton for upcoming successful knee replacement surgery (Dan & Casey)

Family of Nancy Chapman peace and comfort with her passing (Charlene Wardell's mother)

Barbara Davis healing from finger surgery (Casey Goldberg)

Ann Summers and Family on the passing of Mike Summers

Amber leg pain diagnosis & treatment (Jim & Barbara Crowdis' granddaughter)

Loren Abraham in his last days (Judi Abraham's brother)

Eric on hospice care (John Chamberlin)

Leia Ellerson that she continues to gain weight and thrive (Bill Hartley)

Ellen Tyree recovery from being hit by a motorcycle (Kathy Holzer)

Wanda Jarrells recovery from shoulder surgery after a fall (Mike Jarrells)

Denise Curtis healing from long time foot pain and return to work (Denise)

Daniel & Robert Pond for employment (Rick & Pam Pond)

Deanne success for multiple medical procedures (Kathy Martin)

Marjorie Fridrich healing from surgery for a broken knee cap (Sili Jacobson's mother)

David & Leslie Hartley recovery from injuries after a fall (Lynne Hartley)

Ivonne Powell diagnosis of breast cancer (Judi Abraham)

D.J. 2yr old recovering from brain tumor surgery (Debi Dyer)

Leslie Wagner fractured knee after a fall (Cheryl Quall's sister)

Rick Wagner treatment for colon cancer (Cheryl Quall's Brother-in-law)

Phil Weisgerber (Toni & Roland Roy)

Bob Constable (The McEacherns)

Terry McCallum (Roland & Toni Roy)

Bob Hyman (Bob Rich)

Kevin Westrope (Scott & Bonnie Culler)

Frank Jorgensen in hospice (Linda Beam)

Cindy vision loss (Ellen Ferguson)

Kathleen Shear

Becky DeCuir

Marion Vausbinder



Bible Readings for the Month

October 2nd 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137 (UMH 852)
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9th 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

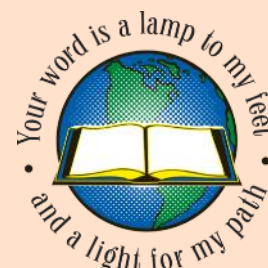
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104,
or Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23rd 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65 (UMH 789)
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30th 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144 (UMH 840)
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4
11-12, Luke 19:1-10



Prayers for those in Cancer Treatment

Dotie Largent (Ryan Blanck)

Crista (The Saute's)

Dawn McMeekin (Nancy Liedblad)

Kathy Vargeson (Jim Vargeson)

Anna Hanley (Dana DeCuir)

Sylvia Medrano (Dana DeCuir)

Deb DeCuir (Dana DeCuir)

Barbara Shipley (The McEacherns)

Carol (Patti Adam's Aunt)

Marissa Holzer (Kathy Holzer)

Cheryl (Carolyn Sylvester)

Linda de Camp (Cheryl Qualls)

Patricia Williams (Sheryl Jacobs)

Cheryl (Christy Whisman)

Jean Arndt (Ramona Hallit)

Alex (Detweiler Family)

If you would like to suggest a prayer shawl for someone (or need one yourself), or would like to help in this ministry, please contact Kathy Holzer at 805-388-0985 or Kathy.Holzer@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry





Our Church Family News



Birthdays

2	Rob	Domes
2	Abigail	Inouye
2	Kathy	Nubling
3	Beth	Schott
4	Zachary	Orozco
7	Beau	Ellerson
7	Destiny	Ellerson
9	Jennie	Beneke
11	Alex	Lethcoe
13	Pastor Stan	Ferguson
16	Norm	Beneke
21	Nicholas	Board
21	Allen	Saute
25	Joseph	Custodio
25	Ryan	Wardell
27	Kathy	Vargeson
28	Juliane	Detweiler
30	Brooke	Culler
30	Harry	Lamb

Anniversaries



R360+

Last month 37 people participated in an online survey. Thank you for your participation. As a result of that survey, and according to a computer, St. Matthew's Spiritual Intensity is 81 percent.

What does that mean?

We will discover the answer to that question with a dozen other churches in the North District through a mentored 18-month process Readiness 360 *Plus* that will help us to answer "What Is Our Next Act." (hear Bishop Grant Hagiya's sermon on this topic at www.stmatthewsnp.com).

Our first session was September 17th at Ventura First UMC (the day before our 50th Anniversary event). We were given an introduction and a task... to conduct a weekly Bible Study on the book of Acts. Dan Overton, Casey Goldberg, Ellen and I began this study on September 28th. Every Saturday morning you are invited to a gathering at the Ferguson home @ 8:30 a.m. for a one-hour study in the Book of Acts; there's plenty of room at the table.

Our next gathering with the other churches on this journey of "Next Acts" is January 14th at Santa Barbara First United Methodist, on the topic of Spiritual Intensity. Spiritual Intensity is one of the aspects of a healthy church forming their "Next Act."

St. Matthew's needs more than the commitment of its Pastor and Lay Leader for this "Next Act". Please seek me out for more information.

Taking a Step Up

How can we grow as stewards of God's resources?

God gives us the precious gifts of time, talent and treasure. Throughout our lives we may be called to give of these gifts in different amounts or combinations. The order of these gifts is deliberate. How we spend or invest our time (arguably the most valuable resource we have) to a great degree determines how well we develop our talents, and how much treasure we may ultimately accumulate. How we give of all three defines our lives, our discipleship, and the success of our missions.

We are blessed with a growing church and our ministries and commitments grow as we grow. The question we will explore during our stewardship campaign is how we as individuals and a congregation can "take a step up" in the sharing of our time, our talents and our treasure to further our ministries and our missions.

Ultimately, we are managing what belongs to God...really it is all God's stuff. We are His hands here on earth. When we "take a step up" in our stewardship, we make the missions of our church come alive, and what a blessing that is!

October 2, 2016

**Consecration & World Communion Sunday
Collection of Commitment Response Cards
World Foods Potluck**

Good News!

Servant Ministries

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...' Matthew 25:35



Burritos for My Friends

In August St. Matthews volunteers served our famous burrito dinner to 54 guests at St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful and delicious event!

Every other month we provide a warm, delicious meal for individuals who are homeless or undergoing economic hardship. Our next dinner will be at St. Julie's on Saturday, October 8. To get involved please see the signup list on the SERVE table in the courtyard. Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving and Christmas Boxes Are Being Prepared now!



- *Write a Letter
- *Adopt a Serviceman
- *Donate troop requested items
- *Donate money or a vehicle to cover postage

Care boxes are sent to those serving overseas year 'round, and this month they are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Troop "Wish" Lists are on the care table.

Charlotte Burnett's daughter recently returned from serving in Afghanistan and we may know others either closely related or not. These boxes bring so much cheer, especially to those with little family.

This Simi Valley organization also hosts packing days. For more information visit their website www.forthetroops.org



Box Tops and Labels for Education

These labels are worth 10 cents each to a school that uses them for items not covered in the school's budget.

Help James Storehouse

They need clothes for *a//*youth

New or gently used clothes for babies to young adults

And, they need cribs, twin beds and bedding sets.

James Storehouse provides support for children when they are moved between guardians such as into or between foster homes. Sometimes this is in emergency situations.

Bring items anytime or arrange for direct delivery with Jan Gauwain. Read more from the TOAcorn...



Upcoming Opportunities to Serve

- ♦ Homeless Dinner – October 8
- ♦ Christmas Shoeboxes – October 9 & 23
- ♦ Christmas Shoppe Toy Drop off

St. Matthew's Children Help Peruvian Women Artisans



Thanks so much to everyone in the congregation who contributed to the Sunday School children's Heifer International campaign this year!

\$700 went to support the Women Artisans in Peru project. Indigenous Peruvian artisans make warm clothes, blankets, and other goods from alpaca and sheep fiber. Heifer helps Peruvian women adjust to the economic and climate changes that make it increasingly difficult for families to survive there, and works with groups like local craft cooperatives to help members learn the fair market value for their creations, connect directly to buyers so they don't lose income to middlemen, and adopt clear standards for yarn, dyes and designs to secure their status as the world's premier alpaca artisans.

Another \$700 went towards donating animals – the children chose a llama, pig, sheep, and fish as the animals to donate this year.



As you can see, your donations enable Heifer International to help families help themselves in many ways – 'Not a cup, but a cow'. Plus, each family who receives an animal agrees to give one of their animal's offspring to another family – it's called 'Passing on the Gift'!

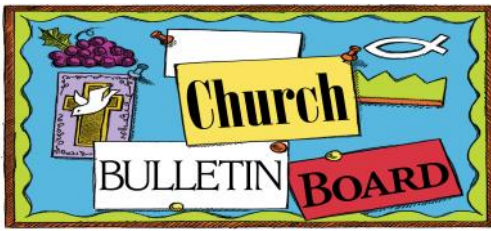
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Donate Today!

MANNA TOP 10 list

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| 1. Peanut Butter | 6. Pinto Beans |
| 2. Juice & Drink mix | 7. Condiments |
| 3. Pasta & Sauces | 8. Snack foods for kids |
| 4. Cooking Oil | 9. Diapers & baby products |
| 5. Coffee | 10. Chili & Stew |



Good News!



Join us for Saturday Breakfasts

1st Saturdays at 8:00am for men
2nd Saturdays at 8:30 for women
at Denny's in Newbury Park

SCRIP Sales

GET YOUR GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOPPING

KOHL's, TARGET, STAPLES,
And STARBUCKS FOR THE TEACHERS!!!
RESTAURANTS! CLOTHING STORES! HOME DEPOT!

CVS Gift card purchase profits go directly to the Choir Fund
Pick up cards on Sunday or pre-order for delivery in 1-2 weeks.

Also, please register or re-register your **RALPHS** cards
for 2016-2017 at www.ralphs.com
Gary Kellogg, Coordinator

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, Part I + Part II

October 5 to November 23, 2016 for 8 weeks.

Wednesdays, 10-11 AM. Wear loose, comfortable clothing.

New participants must sign a waiver at first class. Contact Marcia at
(805) 499-2117 or cim@aol.com if you have questions.

Coffee Fellowship Hosts Needed!

Oct 16, 23 November 6, 20, 27, December—ALL SUNDAYS

To be added to the "Stone Soup" group providing the occasional
coffee fellowship when there is no one signed up, ask or call Jan
Gauvain at 805-499-0901

Honor Your Loved Ones on All Saints Sunday

If you would like to include a photograph of someone who has passed away
since November of last year, please drop by the office with a photo or send
us a digital copy to be included in the Pastor's presentation on November
6th (BEFORE November 2nd)

You may also bring framed photos or memorabilia on November 6th to
display. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

Reuse, Recycle & Renew, and Reduce

Bring us your used greeting cards, tired eyeglasses,
cell phones, batteries, books and magazines and we
will find someone new to love them!

Address corrections & additions:

Bev Adkins 271 Brooke Rd, NP

Brian Pennington 6610 San Como Lane, Camarillo, CA 93012



October 18th at noon

Join us for bratwurst, pretzels, mustard tasting,
potato salad and (root) beer floats!
Bring a German Dessert (or any kind, really)



ENGAGE ENCOUNTERS

Pastor Stan invites all for coffee and
informal dialogue

Wednesday at 7:30am

BeanoVino, 360 Via Las Brisas

STUDY THE BOOK OF JOHN

Wednesdays 7:00pm

Thursdays (Men's Group) 11:00am

Fridays (Women's Group) 12:30pm

in the Fireside Room

Led by Pastor Stan

Medical Appliance Lending List

Do you have crutches and other medical devices you
would be willing to lend or donate to other church
members? See Bill Thompson to be a giver or a receiver.

St. Matthew's Counseling Center

There is never a charge for members and
constituents or their family members.
To schedule a session call 805-490-1128.
Jack Doman, Pathfinder Counseling.



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LOOKING FOR NEW SCOUTS

1st-5th graders

Contact Marcia Miyasaka 499-2117
Or Casey at flycasey@hotmail.com



SUNDAYS	10/2/2016	10/9/2016	10/16/2016	10/23/2016	10/30/2016
Set-up	Joanne Stone	Rick & Pam Pond	Joan Henry	Tim LeRoy & Janice Kakazu	Barbara Crowdis
Flowers	Kathy Nubling	Jan Gauwain	Sharon Brown	Linda Domes	Debi Dyer
8:30 Liturgist	Pam Pond	Pam Pond	Alice Huston	Christy Whisman	Lynne Hartley
Audio Tech	Fred Wardell	Ralph Matthews	John McDonald	Ryan Vallance	Bill Hartley
Angels/DB meet	9:00 AM	9:00 AM		9:00 AM	9:00 AM
10:00 Liturgist	Marilyn Matthews	Cheryl Qualls	Randi Berry	Carla von Zell	Tina Martin
Greeters	Jan Gauwain	Nancy Liedblad	Judy Saute & Tanya Blanck	Sharon Brown & Betty Howard	Marv & Judy Jacobsen
Ushers	Ralph Matthews & Jim Ford	Randy Holzer & Bill Thompson	Nancy Liedblad & Tom McEachern	Marvin Jacobsen & John McDonald	Keith St. Amand & Kent Detweiler
Acolyte	Morgan Blanck & Abby Inouye	Emma Blanck & Maren Jacobson	Jack & Sophie St. Amand	Hanna Sylvester-Frost & Katie Knoedler	Caleb Jarrells & Oliver Windham-Hughes
Children's Message	Barbara Karplus	Randy Holzer	Pastor Stan	Ryan Blanck	Pastor Stan
Puppeteers	-	Judy Jacobsen & Patty Sheppard	-	Abby Inouye & Katie Knoedler	-
SS Teacher 3-5	Elizabeth Vallance	Bonnie Culler	Bonnie Culler	Elizabeth Vallance	Elizabeth Vallance
SS Teacher 6-11	Pam Pond	Pam Pond	Pam Pond	Pam Pond	Pam Pond
Nursery Care	Joyce Wheatly	Heather Knoedler	Tanya Inouye	Pamela & Kara Sibeck	Jennie St. Amand
Counters	Randi Berry & Barbara Crowdis	Linda Domes & Mike Jarrells	Joanne Stone & Tim LeRoy	Chuck/Cheryl Qualls & Bill Thompson	Bob Biery & Tom McEachern
Fellowship	Potluck	Sibeck Family			Youth Group

St. Matthew's Administration to Serve You

Pastor	Rev. Stan Ferguson	Financial Secretary	Christy Whisman
Ministers	<i>All the People of St. Matthew's</i>	Stewardship Chairs	Rod Womer & Barbara Karplus
Resident Bishop	Rev. Grant Hagiya	BRING GROUP TEAM LEADERS	
District Superintendent	Rev. James Powell	Outreach & Communications	TBD
Office Administrator	Debi Dyer	Radical Hospitality	TBD
Music Director	Ryan Board	Wedding Hostess	Carla von Zell
Youth Director	Ryan Blanck	GROW GROUP TEAM LEADERS	
Lay Leader	Dan Overton	Discipleship/Fellowship	Dan Overton
Lay Member Reps. to Annual Conf	Jim & Kathy Vargeson	Membership Care	Group-Led
Membership Secretary	Barbara Crowdis	Sunday School Superintendant	Ellen Ferguson
Staff/Parish Relations Chair	Scott Culler	Worship Committee	Lynne Hartley
Administrative Council Chair	Dennis Heinemann	SERVE GROUP TEAM LEADERS	
Trustees Chair	Kent Detweiler	Servant Ministries	Rod Womer & Barbara Karplus
Finance Committee Chair	Bob Biery		
Treasurer	Joanne Stone		



2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8a Men's Fellowship Breakfast (DN) 8:30a R360+ (Pastor's)
2 World Communion Sunday 8:30a & 10a Worship 9a Angel Dancers (WR) 9a Dangerous Club for Boys (Winter's Home) 10a Sunday School 11:30a Youth Group	3 Office Closed 6:45p Leadership Dev (PS) 7:15p Trustees (FR)	4 7:30p BSA Troop 730 (SA)	5 7:30a Engage (BeanoVino) 10a Tai Chi (WR) 6p GS event (SA)	6 7:30a Leviathan (BeanoVino) 11a Men's Study 6:00p Handbells 6:30p Pack 3730 (CMB) 7p GS Leaders (WR) 7:15p Choir (SA)	7 9a Pastor Care Team Mtg (FR) 11a Membership Care (FR) 12:30p Women's Study (FR)	8 8:30a Women's Fellowship Breakfast (DN) 8a Men's Group Excursion (Start at Denny's) 8a Pack 3730 Derby (WR)
9 8:30a & 10a Worship 9a Angel Dancers (WR) 9a Dangerous Club for Boys (Winter's Home) 10a Sunday School 11:30a Youth Group 3p GS 60206 (CMB) 7:30p Crew 730 (WR)	10 Office Closed 7p BSA Troop 730 (WR)	11 7:30p BSA Troop 730 (SA)	12 7:30a Engage (BeanoVino) 10a Tai Chi (WR) 7p SPRC (FR)	13 7:30a Leviathan (BeanoVino) 11a Men's Study 6:00p Handbells 7:15p Choir (SA)	14 9a Pastor Care Team Mtg (FR) 11a Membership Care (FR) 12:30p Women's Study (FR)	15 8:30a R360+ (Pastor's)
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Return Service Requested

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