



# The Open Door

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*A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors*



April 14-April 21

Holy Week is in the middle of April this year. We will be holding our regular activities during this special time of the year. Pastor Scott's Holy Week texts are from Luke this year.

Sunday, April 14 is Palm Sunday. We will have a procession of Palms during the First Service. The Sermon that day will be "Rocks, Don't Cry Out!" based on Luke. 19:28-40.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will again have "An Upper Room Experience" as we have had the last three years. This will be held around tables, lit by candles, in Rooms 7-8. The text will be Luke. 22:1-65, and the Homily that night will be "A Kiss?!" This will start at 7 pm. (People who have attended this service have been really blessed by it. It is not a play as we used to offer, but it is a moving time of song, Scripture, prayer, and the Lord's Supper. You would be blessed if you came!)

On Good Friday we will have a reading of the Passion, also from Luke. We will pick up where the evening before left off and will read together the Passion Story in Luke 23. This will also take place in rooms 7-8 and will start at noon.

On Saturday, April 20, we will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! This has been a great event the past seven years and we look forward to it again this year! We will have games and a lunch for all children, up through Grades 6! This is open to all children in the neighborhood, so invite your friends!

Then, on April 21, and we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord during both of our services! The sermon will be "Here Is Not Here!" from Luke 24:1-12. Come and celebrate the Lord, He is Risen!!!

## PSTR dinner

Hello all. In case you missed it, the following is a reprint of a notice sent out about the Pathways Straight to Recovery dinner that was scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Good Morning All, I'm sure enjoying all this sunshine today. Hope you are able to also! I need to let you all know that we are postponing the PSTR Annual Appreciation Dinner till later in the year. We look forward to celebrating our accomplishments with you then.

Blessings,  
Terrye, Thursday Volunteer

## Pastor Scott's Corner

Happy Easter!! Easter is happening in the middle of this month, so the time of remembering why we exist as Christians is coming! We exist because Jesus rose from the dead, offering all who desire the gift of new life, forgiveness, and the promise of his presence to be with us always through the Holy Spirit! Amen, all things are new! (Rev. 21:5)

On Saturday, March 9, Frances, Mariah, Vince, Jerry, Preston and myself got to witness something becoming new! On that date we all travelled to Whittier, CA, to witness the marriage of Joe Vinatieri to Aya Aguayo. Joe, for over 35 years, was Frances' Brother-in-law having been married to Frances' Sister, Sandy.

Sandy, as many of you might recall, died from ALS four years ago this month. As we were travelling to Plymouth Congregational Church on March 9, Frances and I were remembering the day 4 years ago when we had all gathered for Sandy's Graveside Service, as well as her Memorial the following day. On March 9, we were travelling for a much different purpose.

It was a day of joy and celebration! Joe, upon seeing us arrive, began to cry. He was so happy we came. He cried when I told him Frances and Sandy's oldest brother, Bobby, was there with his family. I will admit to crying myself. It was such a joy to be there! The service was conducted by the Pastor of Plymouth Church, as well as by Joe's youngest Brother Ted, who is an Ordained Pastor from back east.

The Plymouth Pastor did something I've never seen done at a Wedding: he told of both Joe and Aya's spiritual journeys. He talked about how both came to know the Lord as adults, how Joe had been married to Sandy for those years, and how Aya had worked as a care-giver professionally. She was Sandy's care-giver and was with Sandy on the night she died. Shortly after that, Aya became the care-giver for the Pastor's own wife, who died this past year. During the past three years, this woman, who gives care for others, became involved in a care of a different type, the care of a man and woman who learned they loved each other.

It was a moving testimony, but at the center of it was one commonality: their love for their Savior Jesus! It is Jesus that gave Joe the strength to proceed day to day after the death of his wife. It was/is Jesus that gives Aya the strength to serve others as care-giver. It was Jesus who brought them both together, and it is Jesus that will sustain their relationship in the years to come. From sorrow and heart-break, to joy, celebration, and a new life! That sounds like an Easter story. Halleluia!!!

Be blessed Joe and Aya!

Be blessed friends of Aldersgate!

My prayers are with you.

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### **Sermons for the Month of April**

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| 7.  | "Be Real"<br>Matt. 6:1-8                             | 19. | Good Friday Passion Reading:<br>Luke 22:66-Ch. 23      |
| 13. | Saturday Night, Joyful Hosannas in Concert           | 21. | Easter Sunday" Here Is Not Here!"<br>Luke 24:1-12      |
| 14. | Palm Sunday: "Rocks, Don't Cry Out!"<br>Lk. 19:28-40 | 28. | Pastor Scott on vacation,<br>Larry Ducommun Preaching! |
| 18. | Maundy Thursday: "A Kiss?"<br>Lk. 22:1-65            |     |  |

All the sermons at Aldersgate are recorded and available for listening. Even those not done by our Pastor! You may go to our website ([www.chicoaumc.org](http://www.chicoaumc.org)) to download any sermon you wish or ask for a copy to be made on a CD in our Sanctuary. A donation of \$2 is requested for a CD copy. Be blessed!

## **Pastor's Bible Study**

Pastor Scott offers a Bible Study for all interested persons every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. It is currently on the Book of Psalms, but that will be ending soon. He has not said where the study will turn to next, but please know that all people are invited!

Feel free to come join the Study at either time; both classes cover the same texts every week. All people are welcome to attend.

## **Kairos 23**

Kairos 23 is coming quickly to Folsom Prison on April 4-7. Chris Gardner, Norm Teter, and Ron Wootten will be attending as an Inside Team Members. The rest of you can help through your prayers, as well as gifts of cookies, hands, and posters. The website for Kairos 23 is open, so you can sign up for a slot on the 24-hour Prayer Wheel. If you would want to sign up to pray for one hour during one of the four days, or more than one, you may do so by going to the following website: [folsomkairos.org](http://folsomkairos.org). On it will also appear the guidelines for the cookies, hands, and posters. These will be needed by Wednesday, April 3 by 2 pm.

Interestingly, Jesus said "I was in prison and you visited me." (Matt. 25:36b) A way to fulfill this mandate, if you cannot go into the prison, is to do it through this great gift of cookies and hands! They are a GREAT blessing to the Men in Blue!

Please keep the Team Members of Kairos 23 in prayer, all of them! Chris, Norm, and Ron are 3 of 32 men who will be going into the Prison, and many women and men who will be working on the Background Team. Also, please pray for the "Men in Blue" that God will be calling to be a part of this special event.

Thank you!

## **In Memoriam**

On Saturday, April 27, we will be having a Memorial Service for Betty Gibbs. Betty died at the end of 2018, but her family wanted to wait until the New Year to hold her Memorial. It will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 with Neal Neuenburg presiding. All are welcome to come to this Celebration of her Life!

Please keep Betty's Family in prayer. She has been greatly missed.

## **Trustees**

- Trustees are working upgrading the outside safety lights to LED to help save money.
- We are still working on some of the required yearly state paperwork.
- Youth room has a new coat of paint.
- If anyone has a good four drawer filing cabinet they would like to give for children's ministries, please let Chris Gardner know.

Chris

## **Pastor Scott on Final Week of Vacation**

The week after Easter Sunday Pastor Scott will be taking his last week of vacation for the '18-'19 Appointment Year. On that Sunday, April 28, Larry Ducommun will be bringing the Word.

On that same day George Fenley will be absent from us. It will be our first Sunday without him, and his family, since he joined us as our Music Director last May. We are currently working on substitutes for his leadership for that day.

## **Thank you from Terrye Lucas**

I want to thank all who called, sent cards, and visited me at Enloe and at my son's house after my accident. I especially enjoyed a member, who I saw a couple of days, that gave me tips about the food. I especially appreciated all the prayers! I know that's why I'm having such an incredible time healing.

The Family at AUMC is such an amazing family.

Terrye

## **Leadership**

Leadership had a very quick meeting in March. Pastor Scott was gone to Israel so we only had a few things to say for his report. We are working on a couple of contract issues with music directors contract. We prayed for Pastor Scott and his team and in addition we are still praying for the Paradise victims.

## **Joyful Hosannas in Easter Concert!**

On Saturday, April 13, the Joyful Hosanna will be presenting a program of Easter Music! This will be like the one they offered for Christmas, only it will contain the songs of our Lord's Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection!

This will start at 6 PM and is open to all who would like to attend! Since the next day will be Palm Sunday, this will be a great way to start Holy Week! We hope to see you!



## **Bishop to hold Meetings of Discussion**

This was announced in the March issue, but we want you to know that there will be a meeting with Bishop Carcano on Tuesday, April 9. Here are her words:

As your Bishop, I have scheduled a series of Post-General Conference Episcopal Visits to inform our clergy and congregations about the actions of the General Conference and the implications for our conference and denomination. With the help of conference leaders, we will work to outline what unfolded in St. Louis and what those actions mean, followed by discussion with opportunity for questions. These visits will also be times of prayer and seeking God's way forward for our ministry in the California-Nevada Conference. A schedule for the visits has now been set.

That meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm. that day. Pastor Scott is planning on attending. If any of the rest of you would be interested, please talk with him. You can all go together.

**From: Lee Ann Dietrich <[leeann8@msn.com](mailto:leeann8@msn.com)>**

We're moved in and getting settled; still have some things to put away and some furniture to be delivered, but we're here and planning to stay.

We're in a family mobile home park, although there are only a couple of children here; most residents are middle-aged or older. We're a couple of miles outside the tiny town of Blue Lake, about five minutes from Arcata, and 10 minutes from McKinleyville. There's a local market, Murphy's "just down the road a piece" that has good meat and produce and local cheese. Eureka is about half an hour away, and has two malls with large chain stores (Bed Bath and Beyond, Kohls, Pier 1, Walmart, Michael's, etc.).

As I sit in my room (which I share with the cats, who sleep in here at night), I can see the mountains across the river, which is across the road from us. It's raining today, and there's a mist on the mountains; beautiful!

We're planning a housewarming open house the first Saturday in May (May 4), time to be determined. It will include a house blessing. All are welcome; if you'd like to come and need a place to stay, let me know; we don't have a guest room, but I can give you names of some local motels. It will be one way we can thank everyone who has helped us with prayers, emotional support, and in other ways.

God bless all of you!

Love,  
Lee Ann

## April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	3 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	4 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	5 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	6
7 "Be Real" Matt. 6:1-8  The Vine 5:00 pm	8 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	10 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	11 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	12 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	13 Joyful Hosannas in Concert 6 pm
14 <b>Palm Sunday:</b> "Rocks, Don't Cry Out!" Lk. 19:28-40  The Vine 5:00 pm	15 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	16 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	17 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	18 <b>Maundy Thursday:</b> "A Kiss?" Lk. 22:1-65 7 pm Rm 7&8  Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	19 <b>Good Friday</b> Passion Reading: Luke 22:66-Ch. 23 Celebrate Recovery 7pm (Dinner)	20 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
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### Birthdays

Judi Ocampo 4/1/41  
 Oscar Morales 4/4/93  
 Kambria Lucas 4/6/  
 Randy Korte 4/11/60  
 Mike Boyce 4/16/45  
 Martha Davis 4/24/36

### Anniversaries

Duane and Stella Nelson

4/28/79

