



The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open door

JEW
FOR
JESUS

An Evening and a Morning with Ruth Rosen!!

Aldersgate United Methodist Church invites all to hear a presentation given by Jews for Jesus on Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM. The topic will be a Message from the Word.

Jews for Jesus is an agency that proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world. The late Moishe Rosen, a Jew who has believed in Jesus for over 35 years, founded the organization. However, Dr. Rosen was quick to point out that he did not "start" Jews for Jesus. "Jews for Jesus began about 2,000 years ago, around 32 C.E., give or take a year. Jesus' first disciples were Jewish, and there have been some Jewish people who have believed in him ever since."

The organization has permanent branches in eight North American cities (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, New York City, Washington D.C. and Fort Lauderdale) as well as over 127 volunteer chapters spanning some 41 states and five countries. The group's international branches are headquartered in Johannesburg, London, Paris, Odessa, Moscow, Essen, Rio de Janeiro, Kharkov, Dnepropetrovsk, and Tel Aviv.

To the Jews for Jesus, believing in Jesus makes sense considering the Jewish bible and considering their experiences as "believers." For those who argue that Christianity contradicts the meaning of Judaism, the Jews for Jesus say there are answers, which their representative will be happy to discuss after the presentation. Call (530) 893-8640 or visit <http://www.chicoaumc.org> for more information. There will be no admission charge.

Ruth Rosen, daughter of the late Moishe Rosen, will be our guest on this date!!

On Saturday Night....

We will be having a **potluck dinner** with Ruth starting at 6 in Rooms 7-8. When dinner is complete, we will move into the Sanctuary where she will make a presentation of the Jerusalem Initiative Campaign that Jews for Jesus have led in the past two years. Some wonderful works have been done inviting people of Israel to meet Y'Shua as Savior, Messiah, and Lord! So come on that night, bring a dish to share, and be blessed by this great ministry!!

Daylight Saving Time



Begins
March 8

Didn't we vote against that??? Even so, March 8 will be the date to set your clocks back and lose one hour of sleep! Don't be late for worship that day!!! You'll want to hear Ruth Rosen!!!

Pastor Scott's Corner

It's March! Daylight Saving Time is happening... again... as is the next Kairos. (By the way, it is Daylight Saving Time, not the more popular Daylight Saving "S" Time that so many people say. Don't believe me, look it up!!) I am not looking forward to the former (I voted for getting rid of it!!!) but I am the latter.

I am to be the Head Clergy for Kairos 24. This will be my second time in such a position; I am honored to have been asked. That means I get to arrange who does which of the Clergy Talks during the four days of the event. And for this Kairos, we have a larger number of Clergy participating, so that is a blessing. We try to have one Pastor at each table. So, seven tables, we need seven Pastors/Clergy. At some past Kairos there have only been three of us, which makes it rather difficult- but not impossible. After all, with God....

And recently, there has been another person added to the list of Kairos 24 Inside people that I can use in the position of Clergy: our own George Fenley!!

Let me explain....

One of the things every Kairos Team needs is a good music team. Our own Joe Hejl has helped in this capacity at past Kairos events. There is a need for a song leader, a guitar player, and others to round the team out: if available a Bass Player, Piano Player, Harmonicas, and a drummer. But for Kairos 24 we had one person!! Just one, and he only plays bass and Harmonica. He's not a good song leader at all. On Saturday, February 8, at our first Team Meeting, he begged for more people to help with the music. I had an instant thought: George!!! He could really help us. But almost immediately I dismissed the idea. After all, we need George at Aldersgate on Sunday mornings. Would we want both he and I gone the same day, even though it's to work in this excellent ministry?

OK, I dismissed it and went about my business... until the following Monday. That was when I got an email from George asking if he could be a part of Kairos too. D'oh!!! What??? Yes, he said it was on his mind, and it would help add to his "Clinical Pastoral Education" credits he needs if he hopes to get a chaplaincy job in a hospital. (He has applied for the singular chaplain position at the Adventist hospitals in Paradise and Yuba City. One of the things he lacks is CPE; participating in prison ministry would work towards that.) Now that was quite a coincidence! I said we need to be in prayer, and I need to talk with our leadership team about allowing him to be gone on March 29.

After discussion, the leadership team agreed to allow George to join the Kairos team! He will be representing Aldersgate UMC along with myself, Chris Gardner, Ron Wooten, Norm Teter and Terrye Lucas.

Now George needs to learn the Kairos tunes!!! But since George is a seminary graduate, I can use him on the clergy team as well as his participation on the music team! We get two blessings in one! All right!

So, please keep the Kairos 24 team in your prayers, those from Aldersgate, as well as the many women and men for other churches around the Sacramento area. Also, keep the "Men in Blue" who God is calling to be a part of the event in your prayers as well. If you would like to help further, gifts of cookies and hands are great! We can use Financial Gifts as well, if you are so led. Thank you!!

By the Way, there will be music in Aldersgate on Sunday, March 29. That will all be taken care of. Whew....

My prayers are with you.

Sermons for the Month of March:

1. First Lent:
The Last Week: "Love One Another"
John 13:18-38
8. Second Lent: Ruth Rosen – Jews for Jesus!
"Psalm 100: Your Spiritual Reset Button."
15. Third Lent: Last Week Cont.:
"I Am the Way"
John 14:1-14
22. Fourth Lent (OGHOS): "The Holy Spirit"
John 14:15-31
29. Fifth Lent: Larry Ducommun preaching
"Remain in the Vine"
John 15:1-17

All sermons at Aldersgate are recorded, even those done by guests. You may download one from our website, <https://www.chicoaumc.org>, or submit a request for a CD on Sunday.

Pastor's Lenten Sermon Series

Pastor Scott's Sermon Series during the five weeks of Lent this year is entitled "The Last Week." For these five weeks Pastor Scott (and Larry) will be looking at some what is actually the last two days of Jesus life as recorded in the Book of John. This series started on the last Sunday in March as Pastor Scott altered the order when Ruth Rosen became scheduled for March 8.

As with all sermons and messages give in Aldersgate, you can find recordings of them on our website, Chicoaumc.org. Check it out!

Kairos 24

Do you want to be a part of Kairos but can't go?

We need hands (fingers pointed down), cookies (just over 400 dozen) and financial support. The cost per person is \$175. This helps cover the 42 men in blue, food, materials used in meetings and the cost associated with the use of the church that we use for food preparation for going into Folsom. We also could use help with the cost of the motel rooms for our team, so they don't have to travel back and forth each day. Also there is a prayer chain sign up in the narthex for God to touch the hearts of the men in blue. The team going in can use prayer for guidance about what to share with the men and protection while in the prison. Your team from Aldersgate is pastor Scott, George Finley, Ron Wooten, Norm Teter, Terrye Lucas and Chris Gardner.

If you want more information, talk to one of these people.

Bible Study

Pastor Scott's Wednesday Bible Study continues in the book series, "The Chronicles of Narnia." Even though he is more than half-way through the series, it's not too late to join! It is scheduled to go through April 1. On March 4 the study will be looking at "The Horse and His Boy."

What will happen in April? He does not know yet, so you're going to have to wait!!

The class is offered every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and repeated at 7 p.m. All people, from all churches, are welcome!

Trustees Report:



Saturday, April 4th
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(Volunteers Needed)



Greetings and welcome from your 2020 Board of Trustees!

Leadership

Leadership has been busy with Church business as we got our new board members caught up and running. We have been working with Celebrate Recovery on the insurance issue and believe we have it settled. We should know this week and will then welcome them back to their regular Friday night. It has been interesting but workable. We wish them luck and remind people all are welcome to attend.

The Vine (Youth)

"Create in me a clean heart, O GOD, and renew a right spirit within me." Psalms 51:10

Lent has begun. I purchased the Easter/Lenten devotional "Arise" for the teens & I to read. It explores our faith & hopefully makes us think about what Jesus sacrifice & resurrection means.

On Sunday evenings, we'll talk about a devotional that may have touched us more than another.

We'll also look at Jesus life in that final week & how it relates to the devotional.

Thank you for your support, encouragement & prayers for The Vine. If you have suggestions for activities or want to know what is happening at The Vine, please let me know.

Larry Ducommun

December and January are transitional months for outgoing members (we're looking at you Marlo Knox & Ella Van Ornum) and welcome in the freshman class (Sara Lind & Peg McElroy). As always, we look forward to serving the church by overseeing the most glamorous and coveted job - facilities maintenance!

With that, I'm pleased to introduce the 2020 Board of Trustees:

• Zach Howe	Chair	(2021)
• Eldon Schottman	Vice-Chair	(2020)
• Susan Hartman	Secretary	(2020)
• Chris Gardner		(2020)
• AJ Petelin		(2021)
• Sara Lind		(2022)
• Peg McElroy		(2022)

Trustees would like to remind people placing items in the refrigerator and freezer to mark them with the date and group that the items belong to. Please don't use other groups marked items without asking if they are available. Unmarked items are subject to being tossed or used by others

As we fight the good fight against testy toilets, fidgety door locks, copier contracts, and vandalized light fixtures please continue to keep our Board (and the heating & air conditioning system) in your prayers!

Susan Hartman
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND	
Jan 1 Beginning Balance	28,651.69
JANUARY	
Income	+15,264.56
Expenses	-21,622.42
Rounding error	+0.01
Jan 31 Balance	+22,293.84

Every little penny helps! Even if it's a rounding error!

Easter Holy Week!!

Holy Week will be upon us by the second week of April! Mark these following dates on your calendars of the events we will be having!!



Joyful Hosannas, Easter Concert/ Hymn Sing

Blessings to all! We bring JOYFUL tidings of  MUSIC  in this season of Lent. We are excited to announce this year's Joyful Hosannas, Easter Concert/ Hymn Sing will be held at Aldersgate in the Sanctuary, on **Saturday, April 4th @ 5:00pm** Please, mark your calendars now! As always, to GOD be the glory!!!!

Thursday, **April 9 is Maundy Thursday**. We will have our "Upper Room Experience" in Rooms 7-8. This will be held around tables, lit by candles. The text will be Luke 22:1-65, and the Homily that night will be "You Also are One of Them." 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 will be blessed if you come!)

On **Good Friday, April 10**, 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 22:66-Ch 23. This will also take place in rooms 7-8 and will start at **noon**.

On Saturday, **April 11**, we will have our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** This has been a great event the past eight 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 12**, and we will celebrate the **Resurrection of our Lord** during both of our services! The sermon will be "On the First Day of the Week" from Luke 24:1-12. Come and celebrate the Lord, He is Risen!!!

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Lent the Last Week: "Love One Another" John 13:18-38* The Vine 5:00 pm	2	3 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office AWANA 6 - 7:45	4 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	5 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	6	7 Ruth Rosen Potluck and presentation 6pm, Rm 7-8
8 Second Lent: Ruth Rosen – Jews for Jesus! "Psalm 100: Your Spiritual Reset Button." The Vine 5:00 pm	9 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	10 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office AWANA 6 - 7:45	11 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	12 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	13	14
15 Third Lent: Last Week.: "I Am the Way" John 14:1-14** The Vine 5:00 pm	16 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	17 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office AWANA 6 - 7:45	18 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	19 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	20	21 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
22 Fourth Lent (OGHOS) : "The Holy Spirit" John 14:15-31* The Vine 5:00 pm	23	24 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office AWANA 6 - 7:45	25 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	26 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	27	28
29 Fifth Lent: Larry Ducommun preaching "Remain in the Vine" John 15:1-17* The Vine 5:00 pm	30	31 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office AWANA 6 - 7:45				

*Sermon title and bible verses

Birthdays

Jose Ocampo	3/4
Jeremiah Hobbs	3/10
Jeanie Zepp	3/12
Chris McEuen	3/12
Karen Sandrowski	3/18
Matthew Preston	3/18
Mary Marshall	3/30

Anniversaries

Chris and Susan Hartman	3/3/07
Oscar and Savannah Morales	3/15/14