

April 2026 Newsletter

“There’s a season for everything
and a time for every matter under the heavens.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1, CEB)

In this up-and-down, confusing weather, I feel spring at hand. One of our neighbors set up a bounce house for their children the other day. While I was walking my dog, I caught their huge bouncy ball on the street. “Is it someone’s birthday today?” I asked. “No. Just celebrating spring and have fun,” the dad answered. I adore the resilience of Mother Nature that springs forth after a long winter. The vitality of life lifts our souls. The yellow forsythias and daffodils signal a new season all around us.

As we anticipate sharing the joy of Easter and proclaiming the great love of God and the gift of resurrection, we are about to enter into another season as Christ UMC. My new appointment at Good Samaritan UMC, Cupertino, CA, was announced two weeks ago, and Rev. Satya Sudhakar was assigned as your pastor, effective July 1, 2026. We have inserted her biography in this month’s newsletter. Please read it to get to know her before you meet her in person.

For the last seven and a half years, you have equipped me to be a better pastor and a human fellow. Just as you have welcomed me with open hearts, I pray that you will receive the next pastoral leadership with open minds. Every pastor brings unique gifts, strengths, and weaknesses. Neither the pastor nor the congregation is the head of the church. It is Christ to whom we belong and serve together as his hands and feet.

We have made it this far through the challenging time of the pandemic and disaffiliation as the denomination. We have made some progress, but there is always room to grow and mature. Change is not easy, yet it can be a good thing; it can be a blessing that expands our understanding and opens our eyes to see anew.

I pray and hope we walk through this transitional time faithfully and gently. I express my gratitude to SRPC under Elena’s leadership. Let us trust in the goodness of God through all seasons of our shared journey. God is good all the time. The Risen Christ journeys with us through the power and presence of the Spirit.

Looking forward to celebrating Eastertide with you,



Pastor Mi-Sook



April 5
Easter Sunday with
Communion
“Alive in the World”

* **Saturday April 11**
9 a.m.
Spring Church Cleaning



April 12
Second Sunday of Easter
“Resurrection Hope”
Rev. Bill Obalil, Speaker

April 19
Third Sunday of Easter
“Astonishing”

* **Culver’s Fundraiser**
Monday, April 20,
4-8 p.m.

April 26
Fourth Sunday of Easter
“Practice of Resilience”

* **Mission’s Silent Auction**



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Contact each group leader or call/email the church office to join the conversation. Check the weekly e-news or your leader's email for their in-person and zoom meetings.

Spirituality Group, Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Linda Mullen mullen520@comcast.net

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lisa Greenwood lisajoegreenwood@yahoo.com

Amy Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Men's Group, Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

Bryan Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Midwest Mission Trip 🐣 July 12 - 14

This year along with First UMC Woodstock, we will be visiting Midwest Missions on Sunday, July 12 to Tuesday, July 14. We will leave on Sunday afternoon and work on Monday morning, afternoon and Tuesday morning shifts. There are 16 spots available. If you would like to join our volunteer group, please sign up in the church lobby or talk to Eric Linner, the team leader.

Praying Stitchers Ministry 🐣 Monday, April 13 🐣 1 p.m.

Praying Stitchers invites all who know how to or are willing to learn to sew, knit or crochet! Can't make a daytime meeting? You can still participate! Sew a pillow case (we have an easy pattern). Knit or crochet a 12x12 square (or several) and one of our ladies will put them together making lovely prayer shawls. For more details, see Cheryl Fournier. Our next meeting is at church on Monday, April 13.

Church Clean Up Day 🐣 Saturday, April 11 🐣 9—11 a.m.

Help us clean the church in preparation for a beautiful spring and summer season. Don't forget to bring your cleaning supplies/tools.

April Birthdays

- Robert Cooper 4/1
- Diane Evans 4/4
- Laurie Perry 4/6
- Tobey Sroga 4/6
- Patrick Greenwood 4/9
- Janet Graf 4/12
- Ken Spooner 4/12
- Linda Riggs 4/14
- Nathan Logston 4/16
- Elantine Brighten 4/17
- Michael Geheren 4/17
- Mark Sersen 4/17
- Brenda Gray 4/18
- Joan Waszak 4/19
- Liz Radtke 4/22
- Beth Larocco 4/30

April Anniversaries

- Kevin & Amy
Huibregtse 4/17
- Bryan & Amy
Doyle 4/19

If you are celebrating your birthday and/or anniversary this month, but do not see your name, please call the office and let us know.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School Class 🐰 10:15 a.m.

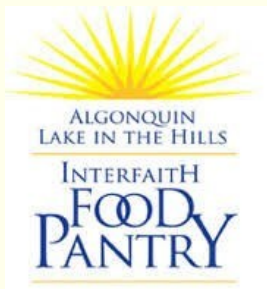
After Children's Time during worship, the children will be dismissed to the Sunday School room. All children are invited to join the Sunday School class. If you have any questions or would like to teach the class, please contact Mindy Zeppo at mamcall27@yahoo.com.

Youth Group 🐰 Sunday, April 12 & 26 🐰 4 p.m.

We invite all the youth to come meet your friends and have an evening of fun.



April Collection



You can drop off gently used clothes & shoes in the bin.

 **Reach Everyone**
with Acts of kindness & build Communities of Hope

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LET US GIVE

Greetings from the Mission Team!

In April, the food collected will be delivered to Algonquin/LILTH Food Pantry. Watch for our monthly "Mission Focus" which highlights one of the charities that the Mission Team supports. This month will be Algonquin/LITH food pantry

There will be a **Culver's fundraiser** coming up in April. Mark your calendars to volunteer and/or have a meal in Huntley. Culver's night is Monday, April 20th from 4-8 pm. Watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet on the mission bulletin board in April.

It's Almost Here!— the **Third Annual Silent Service Auction** is coming in April with Soup and Sandwiches. Mark your calendars for April 26th following worship. [Please bring your own table service as we are trying to have a waste-free meal.] Start thinking of what you can donate and look for auction slips at church starting Sunday, April 12th. ANY services may be offered. Be creative, keeping in mind the buyers who might be interested in what you have to offer. Start thinking of what you might donate. The items can be a one-time thing or yearly (i.e. dinner for 4 or year's supply of soup – 1 per month). Fill out your bulletin insert and put in AUCTION basket. Any questions, ask Michele Linner. The deadline for submitting items is Wednesday, April 22nd .

Here are a few ideas from past auctions:

Sports lovers basket	Chocolate Lover's basket	Car Wash basket
Tea Lover's basket	Italian Feast Basket Coffee	Lover's basket
Ride to Airport	Loaf of Banana bread	Lunch Outing
Steak Dinner for 4	Movie basket	Shopping Assistance
Wardrobe Consultation	Meal Basket	Hand Thrown Pottery

If you have questions or want to contribute to the food pantries in any way (donating food, delivering food, monetary donation), please contact Michele Linner. Her contact info is: 815-861-6890 (cell) or email her at mlin-ner@sbcglobal.net.

We need your help to help others!!

Thank you for being a partner of Christ's ministry through your generous gifts!



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