

**MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Let God's forgiveness, love, and grace shower you daily. May you know good health and prosperity always.

**THOSE WHO SERVE &
LEAD IN 2011**

- Diana Schneider, President of United Methodist Women
- Jo Ann Harmon, Community Life
- Cookie Clark, Food Program
- Marie Noe, UMW Thrift Shop
- Laura Lamar, Graphics & Bulletins
- Jill Busack, Custodian & Cleaning
- Voris Brumfield, Newsletter & Photos

The Committee Chairs manage our annual \$65,000 budget

- Tom Darms, Church Council
- Linda Darms, Staff, Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC)
- Peggy Kimple, Finance
- Claudia Listman, Finance Secretary

THANKS TO ALL for agreeing to lead our work for God and our historic facilities.

**LAY-PASTOR
VORIS
BRUMFIELD**



The pain experienced by our sisters and brothers in the world, including Japan and the Middle East, offers us opportunities to share resources and prayer. Let us be mindful of opportunities to live the light of God.

Immense enlightenment has been received during the study of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. The 8week class "Judaism for Everyone" was informative, and inspiring.. Insuring the mission of our church continue I declined compensation for my service beginning October 2010. Pastoring Middletown Methodist became my focus when I retired from County government on December 2, 2010. May we grow in love, forgiveness, and compassion based on the Passion of Christ Jesus.

New Life News MCUMC

A Message about and to the People of God in the greater Middletown area

MARCH, 2011



Live Connected to the Spirit of God

The Middletown Community United Methodist Church is here to bring the Love of God into the minds, souls, and hearts of our town and the world.

Our church membership has evolved in the last eight months. Since July 2010, six persons have accepted the "call to relationship with God" through our church: Kathy Bowser, Erin McMartin, Dave Spurr, Jack Parker, Lucretia Mena and Glenn Herman. We said goodbye and thanks for her love with the passing of Lola Koelling.

Continuing to serve as 2011 guest Sunday speakers are Rev. Peggy Thompson, Rev. Timothy Locke, and Linda Diehl Darms.



September 2010 we added a Noon 'Spirit Alive' Service to the 10 am Sunday 'New Life' Service. In March 2011 the two services were joined into one held at 11 am. Our regular weekly and monthly programs at the church: Parent Support, Koffee with Kathy on Monday mornings, Bible Study on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, Emergency

Food Distribution on the 4th Wednesday, UMW on the 2nd Friday at Noon and Community Life 2nd & 3rd Saturday Cinema events; are expressions of "new life" through Christ and the Holy Spirit.



The 2010 Renaissance Pageant had 12 first time participants, 37 returning and was a great success.

Partnering with other Middletown churches and Lake County organiza-



tions has been fulfilling with our Community Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners, Easter Sunrise Service, our food and counseling programs. More than 140 mosquito nets have been purchased since August 2009

to prevent malaria in Africa by donations, recycling bottles, cans, and purchasing bags created by Shari Garrett. (Every 30 seconds a child in Africa dies from Malaria.)

New Year's Eve 2011 was welcomed with dinner and special worship services at 9 and midnight.



An evening of "Love" was celebrated with 65 people attending our St. Valentine Dinner Party with a Love Feast at the Sunday Service.

2011 EASTER SERVICES

- April 17—Palm Sunday 11 am
- April 21—Holy Thursday at 6 pm
- April 22—Good Friday at 6 pm
at Jesus Christ Fellowship Hwy 29
- April 24—Joint Sunrise Service 6 am
Middletown Cemetery
Easter Service 11 am

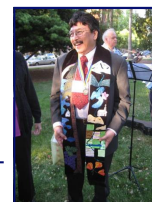
We appreciate the participation of members who feel called to worship with us, whether weekly or less frequently. All are welcomed into God's house to be part of a spiritual family offering support in your life journey.

Methodists unite, care & serve in God's name

The United Methodist churches are part of a connectional system. Middletown's district changed in September 2010. We became part of the Great Northern District of the California Nevada Annual Conference with Rev. Jerry Smith serving our new District Superintendent (DS).



We said goodbye to Rev. Dr. Ben Silva-Netto, our Shasta DS, as he shepherded us through a challenging time over the last five years.



Our church Trustees recognize the many needs for our historic church facilities and property: dual pane windows and new floor for the Social Hall; replacement of broken window

panes in sanctuary and Pioneer Hall and more plexi-glass protectors; repainting exterior and windows of the Social Hall; replacement of kitchen restroom fixtures are a few of our needs. Thanks be to God to those who contribute time and finances for us to serve our community and world.

To add names to our prayer list or information about our church services and programs phone 707 295-7174

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