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Greetings SCUMC family and friends!

I pray that things are going well with you.

Friends, it is November already. Christmas is around the corner. The end of the year is approaching. We are getting one year more mature. Sometimes it is scary to notice time is sure flying real fast.

As I look at the future, a few scary things come to mind. I don't want to be poor. I don't want to be sick. I don't want to loss someone I like. I don't want to die. Fears are creeping in.



Then I ask, "What can one do about these fears? Does the Bible have anything to say to us concerning the problem of fear? Is there a way to conquer fear and live a triumphant life?" Here are some great scriptures I found.

- A. *God told Abraham*, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." (Gen 15:1)
- B. *To Isaac God said*, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham." (Gen 26:24)
- C. *God spoke through Moses to Israel concerning fear*. "Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again." Ex 14:13
- D. *God encouraged Joshua*, "Be strong and of courageous; do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you where you go." (Josh 1:9)
- E. *God sought to encourage the exiles to overcome fear with faith*. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isa 41:10)

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Children's Corner

Julia Borjeson

Greetings!

The Seasons Are Upon Us!
....and Here's an Update about what's happening
in my little corner of our Church Family:

Sunday School:

We are continuing with our "Deep Blue" curriculum through November and our study of David in the Old Testament. Your kids will be learning about gratefulness around thanksgiving... but also learning that we need to be thankful and giving every day throughout the year!

Kids Huddle:

Kids Huddle, which occurs during our worship service, gives us all a chance to see and hear from our little ones! It's also a chance for me to introduce what your children will be learning in our Sunday School class following the huddle! So keep on bringing your kids to Church.. it's where our Sunday worship and learning begins for all of us!

CHURCH RETREAT
11/4/17 from 10 to 2

Please join us to envision
the mission and the
future of our church.

Speaker: Rev. Gere Reist,
the conference
superintendent for
leadership development.

Lovely Moments

Pastor's message

F. David overcame fear because he knew that his God was the Good Shepherd: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

We have always been fearful beings, don't you agree? To name a few poverty, ill health, the loss of God's care, and all of the other things that threaten life. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus deals with this matter of fear. He makes a few positive suggestions that can help us to conquer fear with faith.

A. *Jesus tell us to be confident (Matt. 6:25-26)*. He uses God's providential care for the birds of the air to illustrate the fact that if God cares for the sparrows, we can be absolutely certain that he will care for us. Jesus encourages us to believe that the Father God will prevent us from starving to death.

B. *Our Lord tells us to accept ourselves (Matt 6:27)*. Some of us worry ourselves into an agony of anxiety because we are not as we think we ought to be. Jesus says there are some things that people must accept as they are.

C. *Our Lord tells us to live by faith (Matt 6:34)*. Most of the things that we worry about the things that paralyze us with fear never really happen. Today is the tomorrow that worried about yesterday.

Now, do you fear the past? Do you live in a mood of fear, anxiety, and depression? Are you afraid of the future?

The only way that one can overcome fear, is through faith in the Christ who came, not only to be our Savior, but to be our Friend and Companion. We need to entrust our past, present, and future into his custody and depend on him to be with us whatever the future may bring. The great God who has been so good to us in the past will continue to be the same in the future.

I pray that each of us live each day by faith in him, and we will discover as the days go by that our fears will be replaced with the faith that will bring joy, confidence, and victory. In Jesus's name. Amen

Blessings

Vathanak Heang



UMW News!

Sunday, October 15th we had a wonderful UMW meeting, 14 of us met at Panera for lunch, fellowship and the business of the order.

Selma reported that after having met all of our Conference giving obligations that we had a certain amount of money left over. It was discussed and decided by the membership to divide that money three way ways to reach out and help the world!

We will support Heifer International, Operation Christmas Child, and give to the CA/NV Conference to support the Wildfire efforts. We are so pleased that we were able to do this!

Our next meeting will be a Christmas luncheon and election of officer on December 2nd.

We are growing! Join us!

November 18



Bring your gently used treasures to the Pastor's house prior to November 18th so we can assemble and organize the items for the yard sale. If you have large items and need help transporting them, call the Pastor. We will have a signup sheet for people to help to sell the items on the day of the sale – please plan on helping if you can.

Church Charge Conference – November 19

We will hold our annual Church Charge Conference on Sunday November 19th starting at 11:30 A.M. in Inman Hall. This is our annual business meeting to discuss church issues and decide on key financial items including the Pastor's salary for 2018. This meeting is required by our discipline and we encourage everyone to attend and ask questions. Our new District Supervisor, Rev. Shinya Goto will be presiding. Let's have a great turnout to discuss key issues and meet our new DS.

FAMILY STORYTIME:

Our Family Storytime Fall session is open to our Church family,

as well as our Community of neighbors!

Designed for children ages 2-6; We share interactive stories, teach pre-K preparedness, make fun crafts, sing songs, and share a snack with outside play!

We will have a winter break after our

Thanksgiving Potluck (Thursday, Nov 23rd),

then, in December we have a special

"Christmas Storytime" on Tuesday, December 12th!

Our Spring Session Begins in February.

Come and be a part of the Fun!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

Sunday, December 10th, After Worship @ 11AM
Inman Hall!

Come and "Shop the Shoppe!" for fun and delicious Christmas gifts! this is our annual Fund-Raising Project for Children's Ministries...

Would you like to donate baked goods or a crafty item you've made?

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Support our kids,

and be blessed with great gifts=Win/Win!

MAY THE SEASONS BE JOYFUL,
AND THE BLESSINGS BE BOUNTIFUL
FOR ALL THROUGH OUR SAVIORS GRACE!
Julia

**Thanksgiving Dinner November 26th**

Our church will hold our third annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 26th in Inman Hall. It will be a potluck dinner, and there is always a ton of great food. Please consider celebrating Thanksgiving with your church family. After dinner we will have a fun time to play games and chat. Friends and neighbors are also invited to attend. There is no charge for this dinner, so please plan to come. For any questions, call Rich Hatchett.

Food Barrel Project

Many thanks to everyone who has helped keep the food barrel project going. **For November, we would like you to bring anything you'd like.**



As last month, the barrel will be in the front of the church and you will place it in the barrel during Communion. Pastor will bless the food after Communion.

If you have any other ideas to make this a fun project, please contact Donna West. Thank you all and God Bless.

Operation Christmas Child

On Sunday November 12th we will pack boxes full of toys, school supplies and toiletries for Operation Christmas Child. These boxes are sent all over the world to needy children through an organization called Samaritan's Purse. Please continue to purchase items for the boxes and bring them to church on Sunday November 5th.



In addition to items to put in the boxes, we also need cash donations to take care of shipping and handling of the boxes (\$9 per box). UMW has already generously donated \$172 toward this effort and we can always use donations to buy more items for the boxes. We need school supplies, small toys, socks, hair clips, combs, washcloths, small items of clothing like hats and t-shirts. We also need standard size shoe boxes. Last year we filled 36 boxes – let's see how many we can fill this year!!

Church Highlights

- The lounge has been renovated. It is really nice.
- FCG is discussing about building a nursery room in the left corner of the narthex and the altar area of the sanctuary. They also want to remove shredded rubber in the playground and replace it with artificial grass.
- Church council ask FCG to provide detail explanation of each project to be done throughout the church facilities before the council can make any decisions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 11/4 Lemuel DeGuzman
- 11/20 Elena Tuscano
- 11/23 Richie Verducci
- 11/23 Tiffany Zappia
- 11/28 Tiyana Tuscano
- 11/30 Nathan Burroughs



11/20 Florentina and Rene Ciriales

May you enjoy the Lord's sweet presence on your birthday and anniversary and be blessed with a year full of love, joy, peace and hope.

SERMONS in November

Most Powerful Prayers in the Bible:

- 11/5: Prayer for Deliverance and Healing
- 11/12: Psalm of Surrender
- 11/19: Prayer for Success
- 11/26: Prayer of Submission

Prayers of Healing and Support for the following people:



- Linda Eserini
- Jack Schenaker
- Cora Oliver
- Angelita Barbadillo
- Donna West
- Carrie Reece
- Cynthia Rovnaghi

Let us pray: Lord, I believe in the healing power. Please reach down and surround my friends with supernatural peace and strength and give them the faith to believe that all things are possible for you. Amen.

November Calendar

2	10-noon	Hearts and Hands
2	11-noon	Family Storytime
2	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
4	10-2pm	Church Retreat
5	9:55am	Sunday Worship
7	11-noon	Family Storytime
8	6-7pm	Bible Study
10	11-2pm	Hearts and Hands
10	11-noon	Family Storytime
10	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
12	9:55am	Sunday Worship
14	11-noon	Family Storytime
14	5:30	Dinner is served at JW House
15	6-7pm	Bible Study
16	11-2pm	Hearts and Hands
16	11-noon	Family Storytime
16	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
18	9-noon	Church Garage Sale
19	9:55am	Sunday Worship
19	11:30	Church Charge Conference
21	11-noon	Family Storytime
22	6-7pm	Bible Study
23	11-noon	Family Storytime
23	11-2pm	Hearts and Hands
23	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
26	9:55	Sunday Worship
28	11-noon	Family Storytime
29	6-7pm	Bible Study
30	11-noon	Family Storytime
30	11-2pm	Hearts and Hands
30	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal

October Communique

Please submit the October Communique to santaclaraumc@yahoo.com by 12/21/2017

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