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RUMMAGE SALE

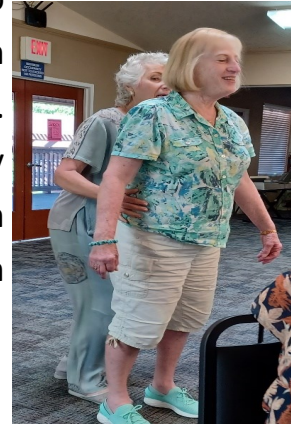
Once again we came together and had a very successful sale. There was a lot of hard work and some great fellowship. Our labors paid off as we exceeded the budgeted amount. Our total sales were \$9,514.45! Here are some pictures of the fun!





Women's Guild News

The speaker for our October meeting was Carlette Anderson from Save-A-Heart. This is a company she and her husband have had for many years to teach CPR Certification and also to teach people how important it is to recognize the warning signs of a heart attack or stroke. She spoke on the difference between each and also a TIA which is a "mini" stroke. She taught us how to handle a situation with a person choking by administering the Heimlich Maneuver. This is just a brief description of what she covered, and she stressed that time is always critical in treatment and Call 911.



Our Bake Sale following church on Sunday was very successful---there was an abundance of wonderful homemade goodies which brought in \$450 to put toward our mission projects. Next Bake Sale will be on December 10th along with the Christmas Boutique.



The next Guild meeting will be on November 11 and the speaker will be Susan Romo who is an insurance broker who has had many years' experience dealing with Medicare plans. Since many changes are coming up in Medicare this should be a very interesting program for all of us seniors. Come and get your questions answered.

Donna Boyer, President

Message from the Interim Designated Senior Pastor



I hope this message finds you all well and filled with happiness and contentment. I know this has been an extremely busy and somewhat hard week. I hope you all are considering some good R&R. As for me, I am writing this letter in the spirit of gratitude, I sincerely want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Our recent Rummage Sale weekend was a tremendous success, and it's all thanks to the dedication, hard work, and love poured into it by our wonderful church community.

From the moment everyone began setting up to the final sale on Saturday, your willingness to give your time, effort, and support was truly inspiring. Whether you were selling clothes or baked goods, setting up tables, assisting customers, or even just offering a friendly smile, your contributions did not go unnoticed nor taken for granted.

Together, we managed to raise more than we budgeted for, which is a testament to our shared commitment to making a positive impact in our community. It's heartwarming to see how hard work and sacrifice can make a world of difference in the lives of those we serve. Beyond the financial success of the event, this Rummage Sale showcased the strength of our church family. We came together, bonded over shared goals, and created a warm, welcoming atmosphere that truly reflects our church's values. It's moments like these that remind us why our church community is so special.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Thank you for your hard work, your dedication, and your unwavering faith in the power of love and compassion. Let's continue to nurture this spirit of togetherness and make a positive impact not just during our events but in our daily lives.

Now, the holidays are just around the corner! We have thanksgiving coming up and then the wonderful Advent season.

Stay tuned for updates on everything surrounding the holiday season, and in the meantime, know that you are appreciated, loved, and cherished by your Alpine church family.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jamall



Message from the Moderator....



You've seen the Red and Black hymnals in the pews, have you wondered "What's the difference?" Well aside from the obvious differences of size, color, condition of covers, and old verses new, there is at least one major difference inside. You have probably guessed it: some of the words in several of the songs are different in the black hymnal. This can be confusing, but it is done for a very good reason.

Some of us have grown up with the lyrics printed in the red hymnal. In fact, we have sung the same song and lyrics so often that we don't need the hymnal to sing along – we know the words by heart. So why in the world would anyone want to change the words?

The hymns in the black covered book, officially titled *The New Century Hymnal*, were compiled by The Pilgrim Press, which takes its name from Elder William Brewster's Pilgrim Press (publishing from 1617-1619 in Leiden, Holland). So, you can see the UCC connection goes back a long way. Although these are based on the same lyrics for songs that date back to the 17th century, the compilers of the new hymnal thought it was time to update the words so that the *New Century Hymnal* reflects the language and social values of the current time, the 21st century. You will notice that in most cases the words you remember are changed to be more inclusive and sometimes archaic words are replaced with more contemporary words. As a result, for those of us who sing familiar, longtime favorite hymns we may stumble on the new words. But when you find this happening, I recommend you try singing the new lyrics and perhaps reviewing the changes later when you have a moment to thoughtfully consider the revision. I think you will see and understand the differences quickly.

Singing hymns is a very important part of our church tradition and I know some folks come to church, at least partly, to enjoy the singing. However, adjusting the language to be more inclusive is a virtue reflected also in other changes that are coming to us in this new century. To attract a younger and more diverse congregation, we need to share the gospel in words and phrases that avoid biases, slang, and expressions that discriminate against groups of people based on race, gender, socioeconomic status, and ability. We can do this!

Starting in November, we will be singing hymns exclusively from *The New Century Hymnal*, the one with a black cover. Let's all embrace the new and inclusive language in this updated compilation of classic hymns and contemporary songs of praise.

Tom Myers

Being Thankful For What We Have



Thanksgiving is once again upon us. With so much turmoil and chaos in the world, one might wonder if we really have very much for which to be thankful. We know that God loves and will protect us. However, sometimes as much as God may tell us not to be afraid, it is hard not to be in difficult times such as these. How do we just forget about the sadness and danger we face and be thankful?

I read a story in *Angels on Earth* about a woman who had had a really terrible day. Almost everything had gone wrong. As she put her children to bed, they did their nightly ritual thanking God for all the good things that happened during the day. The mother didn't know how she was going to thank God for that day because it had gone so wrong. When it came her turn, they asked her how she was thankful to God. It suddenly hit her that there were a lot of people who had helped her, despite the bad day she was having. She went back over her day and began to thank God for each of the things that had gone right that day. She went to bed more grateful than she had been just a few minutes before.

Right now, the troubles of the world are much more serious than a simple bad day. However, we know that life isn't perfect, and we cannot stop darkness from entering our world. Like the woman in the story, when the troubles of the world get us down, we can be thankful that we have strong faith in a God who loves us and will never forsake us. We can be thankful there are those who fight for peace. We can be thankful that we live in a country where we have the right to worship and believe how we choose. We live in a country where we can have a day to put aside our problems and thank God for the blessings in our lives. After all, that is what Thanksgiving has been about since the very beginning.

Though life is far from perfect, and there are many things to be concerned about, God holds us in His hands and will shield us from darkness, even in death. There is no greater thing to be thankful for than that.

Jordan O'Neal

Heroes of the Week!



Thanks to Vern Sonksen and his friend Sabah Sawaya for repairing our bell. The bell was damaged for over a month and would not ring. Vern has been helping his friend Sabah, who has opened a hardware store in Guatay. He told him about the bell, and Sabah came to church, CLIMBED our bell tower and fixed the bell! Thanks to both Vern and Sabah!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is underway. There are boxes still available. Boxes need to be returned soon. For further information please contact the office or Cheryl.



Kids Corner



In November, there are generally many fun things a child can do. The weather starts to get cooler, which particularly means it's the perfect time to go on nature walks and collect colorful leaves for crafts. You can also have cozy movie nights with your family, snuggled up under blankets with hot chocolate. Early November is a great time to start thinking about Thanksgiving and all the delicious food you'll get to eat. You can definitely help your parents in the kitchen, maybe even try baking your own pumpkin pie. And of course, November really is the month of Thanksgiving, so it's a good time to reflect on what you're grateful for and spend quality time with loved ones.

Becca Anderson



We have many things to remember this month.

1. November is Native American Heritage month.
2. Turn your clocks back on 11/5.
3. Vote if you have a Special Election ballot 11/7.
4. Celebrate Veterans Day 11/11.
5. Remember those in need this Thanksgiving by helping with our basket drive.
6. Be with family and friends for Thanksgiving, 11/23.

Care and Prayer List

Alpine Community Church Care & Prayer List

Please call or send a greeting card to someone on the list, your thoughtfulness will be appreciated. Names will be removed when it is unknown if the need for prayer still exists. If you have family or friends in need of prayer,

George & Judy Doble
Dorothea Erwin
Daryl Felipe
Bree Fleming
Deena Hargett
Ruby Hayworth
Des Hoskin
J. J. Jacoby
Lisa (friend of Brenda C.)
McIntosh Family
Laura Miller
Michele Murphy
Gaylord & Marianne Paulson
Kathy Peterson
George Racker
Doug Shredder
Stephany
Sue Truscott
Rachel Swanson
Phyllis Yount
Chrissy Stewart
Pam Ennis
Military
Police Officers
Firefighters

Birthdays and Anniversaries

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES:

WATERWORTH, Joan	11/07
NELSON, Sandra	11/10
ROSS, Carole	11/11
CROTEAU, Normand	11/14
SOPFE, Betty	11/17
MYERS, Tom	11/26

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

LUSINK, Sandy	11/05
SOPFE, Ray & Betty	11/27

Church Office Hours

We can be reached by telephone at (619) 445-2110, or by e-mail at acc1894@acc.sdcoxmail.com. Office hours are Monday – Friday from 9am until noon. Even if we are not here in the office after noon, you can slip envelopes, messages & requests through the mail slot in the office's front door. *Thank You, Denise*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	2	3	4 ACSL Health Faire in F.H. 7:00 PM AA
5 9:00a ACC Worship ACSL 11-1 (Fuller Hall)	6 B.S. TROOP 105	7 CHOIR 6:30-8:30p	8 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	9 ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH	10	11 GUILD Mtg 9:30am 7:00 PM AA
12 9:00aACC Worship 10:30a DEACON's ACSL 11-1 (Fuller Hall)	13 B.S. TROOP 105 6:30p TRUSTEES	14 CHOIR 6:30-8:30p	15 5:30p – AA Fuller Hall	16 ACSL Book Study 10:30-11:30 FH	17	18 7:00 PM AA
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26 9:00 AM ACC Worship ACSL 11-1 (FH)	27 Set-up for the GUILD's Xmas Boutique B.S. TROOP 105	28 Set-up for the GUILD's Xmas Boutique Choir 6:30-8:30	29 Set-up for the GUILD's Xmas Boutique	30 Set-up for the GUILD's Xmas Boutique		

Mission Statement

Our Mission as the Alpine Community Church is to serve God by creating an environment of fellowship following the teachings of Jesus Christ. We minister to the needs of our congregation and community, motivating ourselves with love, faith and hope.

Join us for Worship

In person in our sanctuary at 9:00 AM Sunday Mornings

Also on **Facebook** and **Youtube** (links found on alpineucc.org)

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