

# The Courier



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## In Prayer and Witness

On Friday, April 28, the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church ruled that the consecration of a gay bishop violates church law as laid out in our denomination's *Book of Discipline*. The decision came in response to a complaint filed against Bishop Karen Oliveto who is married to a woman, Robin Ridenour. Bishop Oliveto had been the pastor of Glide Memorial Church, a large United Methodist Congregation in San Francisco. On July 15, 2016, she was elected Bishop by our Western Jurisdictional Conference and subsequently appointed to serve as bishop in the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences which stretch from Colorado to Montana.

In issuing the ruling, the Judicial Council did not go so far as to remove Bishop Oliveto from her appointment; rather, they deferred to the Western Jurisdiction until an administrative or judicial process is completed.

The ordination of gay and lesbian clergy has been one of the most divisive issues in our denomination; another has been whether a United Methodist minister can perform a same-sex wedding and remain in good standing with his/her conference. Despite those divisive issues, my prayer is that the United Methodist Church finds a way to remain united and avoids schism. Please join me in those prayers.

The day after the Judicial Council issued its ruling, I received a message on Facebook from a young man who said he had just moved into the area and he wanted to know if Orion UMC was "gay-friendly."

I responded by explaining how I conduct Holy Communion: it is open to all persons, regardless of age, race, church affiliation, or, for that matter, sexual orientation. I went on to characterize our church as being neither overtly LGBT\*-friendly nor LGBT\*-biased. However, we're a very open, friendly church and our members run the gamut from very liberal to very conservative—whatever those terms mean. Nonetheless, we love one another regardless of such differences because we place a higher priority on our love and service to Jesus Christ. Please join me in presenting that witness.

I'll see you in church,  
*Pastor Dave*

\*Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender

## Parking & Landscaping Project

Work has begun on the parking lot, retaining wall, sidewalk and landscaping on the east side of the MAC. Justin King is the contractor and his bid for the work was \$60,965. He has already received a down payment of \$5,000 thanks to three generous grants totaling \$30,000 from the Wyman Coulter Trust. Additionally, we have raised another \$10,300 thanks to your generous giving. That means we will need to raise another \$20,665 by mid-summer in order to complete this phase of the project and pay our contractor.

Unlike some of the other work at the MAC, this is one which, once begun, cannot be stopped due to a lack of funds. We can withdraw proceeds from endowments, but doing so could make it difficult for us to meet our general fund budget in future years.

Once Justin King finishes his portion of the project, we will need to purchase asphalt millings and have them rolled out and the surface striped. Our trustees have not solicited a bid for this yet; this could cost as much as \$10,000. However, once that's done, our parking lot will be ready for use. It would be a shame to not have that done this year when we're so close to completion.

Your giving to the Activity Center will help us to finish this job this year. Please remember that your giving to the MAC should be above and beyond your giving to the General Fund.

*Appearing in Concert*

## **Crimson River**

**Sunday, June 14 at 6 pm**

We are pleased to welcome Crimson River to our MAC for a concert. This progressive Southern gospel trio is from Hampton, and they have travelled across the Midwest and the southern United States since 1991. You won't want to miss this evening filled with great gospel music!

*Invite your family and friends!*

## Prepare Your Heart for Sunday

We begin the month of June by celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Scriptures include Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 and John 7:37-9. Holy Communion will be served.

Sunday, June 11 is Trinity Sunday, the only Sunday during the Christian year in which we celebrate a theological belief rather than an event in the life of Christ. Scriptures include Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 and Matthew 28:16-20.

We'll recognize our dads on Father's Day which falls on Sunday, June 18. Scriptures include Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7; Psalm 116; Romans 5:1-8 and Matthew 9:35-10:8.

We wrap the month up on Sunday, June 25. Scriptures include Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86; Romans 6:1-11 and Matthew 10:24-39.

Unless otherwise announced, scriptures for the day's liturgist will be underlined.

I'll see you in church,  
*Pastor Dave*

### 2017 Confirmation Class

The following students were confirmed after completing the two-year Confirmation class taught by Diane McCunn and Greg McCunn. *God bless you!*

*Maryn Bollinger, Clayton Browning, Noelle Carlson, Cullen Langley, Devin Nelson, Noah Seys, Claire Smith*

### Congratulations 2017 Graduates

#### Middle School

Maryn Bollinger, Clayton Browning, Noelle Carlson, Cullen Langley, Devin Nelson, Noah Seys, Claire Smith

#### High School

Trevor Ditzman, Austin Hutcherson, Andrew Parks, Dylan Watson

#### College, & Graduate Degrees

Drew Amador, Cody Hutcherson, Adam Killion

Some YouthWorks missionaries have volunteered to do yard work and other jobs to earn money (free-will donations) for this summer's mission trips. If you could use their help, please contact one of the missionaries directly. Contact information sheets are located on the usher's table.

### Fellowship Breakfast

The Finance Committee is serving breakfast in Fellowship Hall June 4 from 9:15-10:15. A free-will offering will be received. Everyone is invited!

### Zinnias Galore

Main Street Orion has received free zinnia seeds that will be given out to residents at the village hall in hopes of transforming Orion into the "Zinnia Capital of America." If you'd like to beautify your Orion yard with zinnias, please stop by Village Hall to get your seeds.



## Mission of the Month

"Every child deserves a chance" is the motto for Chaddock of Quincy, one of our United Methodist ministries and our June Mission of the Month. The children, however, come to Chaddock from all over the United States because of the specialized care they provide.

We learned much about Chaddock over the past few years thanks to the ministry of Rev. Jeff Rasche who has previously been our guest preacher. Jeff serves as the Associate Director of Stewardship for Chaddock.

The demand for Chaddock's services has grown so much that last year construction began on a new school. Visit [www.chaddock.org](http://www.chaddock.org) and click on the yellow "Chaddock School Construction" icon and see the progress which is being made on the new facility.

Your June Mission of the Month offerings will be divided between Chaddock's new school and its general operating expenses.

## It's About Relationships

Rather than focusing on a book, this summer our Summer Sunday school program will focus on building relationships with one another and with God. We hope to accomplish this through round table guided discussions centered around material from *The Upper Room* as well as other resources.

You can participate by joining with other friends or ministry partners. For example, groups might be comprised of choir members, a Sunday school class or Sunday school teachers. You might form a group based on gender or age. And if you don't know who to team up with, relax. Come anyway. You'll find a friend.

More information will be provided at our all-church breakfast on June 4. Our "building program" begins on June 11.

### *Thank You*

Larry and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, gift cards, flowers, and the delicious food we received since my hospital stays. A special thanks to Pastor Dave and my family for all the visits and prayers. Your support is helping us get through this very difficult time.

*Kathy & Larry Anderson*

**Thank you** to Betsy Catour for making the wonderful video for Graduation Sunday. Your hard work is appreciated by so many! Thanks!

### *Thank You*

I want to thank everyone who prayed for me during my April hospital stay for knee surgery and for my extended stay dealing with blood clots and pneumonia. Thank you to Pastor Dave for his visits. I very much appreciated the calls and cards.

I know God was there for me, looking out for me, and healing me.

*God bless you all,  
Sharon Shinn*

**Factory Bible Study** will not meet June 1 and June 8. Meetings will resume on June 15 in Fellowship Hall. This Bible study is held Thursday mornings at 9:30, and everyone is invited to attend.

**Vacation Bible School** will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church June 26-30, from 9 am to noon. Ages for VBS are: age three by Sept. 1, 2016 through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall.

Cost is \$10 per child prior to the first day of VBS. Cost to register on the first day of VBS is \$20 per child. Registration questions should be directed to the St. Paul Lutheran Church office at 526-8406.

Persons who have signed up to donate items for VBS should return them to the box in the lower narthex. Thanks!

### **Attention Youth**

Whether you are entering sixth grade or you are a senior in high school, make sure you are receiving the most up-to-date youth announcements by having your cell phone number on file in the church office.

Texting seems to be the most effective way to communicate with teens. Parents are also welcome to sign up and receive youth-related texts.

### **YouthWorks News**

The next YouthWorks meeting is June 11 following the late service. Lunch will be served. Please bring \$3 to cover meal expenses. At least one parent is encouraged to come to hear the latest details.

### **PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL**

Thea Seys  
Maryn Bollinger  
Tara Miller  
Rachel Girotti

Dylan Manning  
Cullen Langley  
Barb Cooper  
Rob Manning

Derek Nelson  
Devin Nelson  
Deb Miller  
Autumn Manning

Diane McCunn  
Noah Seys  
Sandy McCready  
Lanie Nelson

Leah Manning  
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## Pink Ribbon Luncheon – July 15

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Breast Cancer Awareness Salad Luncheon will be held Saturday, July 15 at Orion UMC from noon to 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by contacting Kathy Anderson (526-3400) or Karen Bloomberg (738-3412).

Reservation deadline is Saturday, July 8.



Support the Cause  
And  
Wear PINK!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school for youth will not meet during the summer giving our teachers a break. Mark your calendar for Rally Day on August 27 where promotion certificates will be handed out. Regular classes will resume September 10. Enjoy your summer! See you on Rally Day!

We will hold Sunday school for adults over the summer. They will meet in Fellowship Hall. This class is open to everyone.

Thank you so much to our classroom teachers and our music teachers for all they do during the year. Your creativity and dedication are very much appreciated. Enjoy your summer!

## Blessings on your Birthday!

6/01	Xander Carlson	6/22	Gerald DeBaillie
6/03	Noelle Carlson		Pat Kretchman
	Vicki Winsor	6/23	Kylie Smutzer
	Butch Thomsen		Kathy Anderson
6/07	Annie Bingham		Marc Wright
6/09	Teresa Pierce		Bryant Cooper
6/11	Nolan Richardson		Brendan Pasmore
6/12	Donald Pasmore	6/24	June Rettig
6/13	Margaret Johnson	6/25	Linda Thomsen
6/14	Ava Ainsworth		Lisa Bohland
	Tim Combites		Brittany Lefever
6/17	Noah Seys	6/27	Adelynn Blade
6/19	Mitchel Magee		Micah Knox
6/21	Jonni Gilbraith		Adam Pierce
	Lanie Nelson	6/28	Kameron Weaver
	Jordan Schultz	6/29	Seth Atkinson



*Please let the office know if your name should be added.*