



Our summer series is coming back virtually this year. It is starting on July 12 with the Broadway play *Hamilton*. You can see it on Disney+ starting July 3. Following that we will be talking about the movies, *Aladdin* (the live version), *Mulan* (either version), *Dumbo* (again either version), *Lion King* (either version), and *Pocahontas*. All of these can be viewed on Disney+. Enjoy the movies and worship with us on Sundays!



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Chapel Challenge

From Julie's Journal

I am writing this the week of our annual conference. This year, instead of in Redlands, it is being held virtually. All 1000+ members and delegates will be on a zoom webinar. It will be live streaming from Pasadena First. It should be interesting. The good thing is I can stay in my home and even wear my PJs if I want too. The bad thing is I don't get to be with all my colleagues and family. I will miss that. I will also miss the singing with a thousand plus voices lifting song to the glory of God! Conference is where I get to refresh and reconnect. It is sad. Yet, I am also excited to participate in something new and different. I was a part of the Conference worship team and we have done some unique things that we only could do virtually so I am excited for that. I hope you had a chance to watch worship during Annual Conference. I am hoping if you didn't see them live they may still be available by going to the webpage www.calpacumc.org. The opening worship service a congregation from Hawaii provided some of the opening service and I did a choral reading with 6 voices for the scripture. Friday evening was the Retirement Service with Dr. Rev. Lawson (a retired member of our conference and a close colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) as the preacher and a jazz choir.

Closing worship was provided by the youth and young adults of the conference. If you have the time, please check these services out if you were not already able to see them live. This is another benefit of the conference being virtual...it can come to you!

Another thing I was thinking was this is my 30th anniversary of being elected a probationary member of the conference and being ordained a Deacon in the conference. This was when we had a two step ordination process. I was elected a full member in the conference and ordained an Elder four years later in 1994.

The Bishop put out the list of appointment changes for the coming year and my name was not on it, which means I am your pastor for this next year. I am excited to see what God has in store for us here in El Cajon at the United Methodist Chapel of the Valley!

The Church Administrative Board, at their last meeting, continued the conversation about the timing of reopening our church building for in-person worship services. We looked at the Conference guidelines, the state guidelines and the county guidelines for reopening. All three of those guidelines HIGHLY recommended that those over the age of 65 or those with immune-compromised medical conditions, should not

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Worship Schedule

Through July we will still be having our worship experiences on the web and through the devotion guides. Each week we will be having a Zoom "Coffee Time" at 10:00 am. Look for the zoom address on the email or letter that comes with your weekly devotion guide. See you on the web! We are going to continue for our third year God on Films theme. This year we cannot gather to see the movie together, however, I hope you have a chance to see the movie before. All of these movies can be viewed on Disney+ if you happen to have that. Here are the weekly themes.

- July 5 *The Scars of Freedom*
- July 12 *Grace, Redemption, Forgiveness*
Play : **Hamilton**
- July 19 *Speechless*
Movie : **Aladdin**
- July 25 *My Reflection*
Movie: **Mulan**
- August 2 *Different is a Gift*
Movie: **Dumbo**
- August 9 *Called to Be*
Movie: **Lion King**
- August 16 *Just Around the Bend*
Movie: **Pocahontas**

Christmas and Craft Festival is not until December...but now is the perfect time to do some gardening for plants to sell or to make crafts for our Craft Fair. If you have questions you can call Phyllis Lyle.

(Julie's Journal continued)

attend in person church services until at least Phase 4 (in the church phases not the states). We also looked at how different the services would have to be...no singing, no fellowship or food following the service, social distancing, face masks, no sitting together except family units, communion served differently or not at all, the cleaning before and after each service, and no pew cushions (hard to keep sanitized). For these many reasons, we decided to continue what we are doing for at least July. We will continue to monitor and see how it is going around us and discuss it again at our July meeting. We are also looking at a way to somehow gather together outside if possible. In the meantime, you can worship with us on the web by going to our webpage at www.umchapelvalley.org and watch the services. We also have zoom coffee hour at 10 am on Sundays. The address is sent with your devotion guides each week. I really do miss seeing you and getting your hugs! Soon and very soon!

Together on the Journey!



Pastor's Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor's Day of Prayer is scheduled for July 16. Our pastor will be away from campus to pray for the church and all persons and situations in need of prayer. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by July 15. You can join Pastor Julie in prayer on that day and please pray for her as well.

COTV Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Julie Elkins
Organist: Mary Ellett
Choir Director: Elaine Harvey
Lay Leader: Edna Munro
Treasurer : Phyllis Lyle
PowerPoint: Delyth Owen

Henry Brown
Robert and Ellen Draper
Patsy McKinney
Becca McLachlan
Vi Moore
Steve Mohr
Donna & Jim Seaton
Renee Calsmer
Agustin Valdez
Lee Carrick
Betty Rudolph



The family of Joan Highsted
Rod & Pauline Rippel
All Healthcare workers
1st Responders and all others
having to work in different
ways
*Friends and family dealing
with illness, treatment, and
transitions*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).

Meeting Scheduled for June 8

The Church Administrative Board will be having our monthly meeting on July 13 at 7:00 pm. on a zoom meeting. You will be receiving a link to the meeting or the phone number to call by email. If you have not received it by the day of the meeting, please call Pastor Julie and she will help you.



The preschool continues to do its best to pay almost complete rent even in this downturn. We also are still being helped by the conference on our pensions for the pastor and we still have funds from the PPP loan from SBA. We look to be able to be forgiven on part of the loan. Our other groups are beginning to return and give as they are able. Our members and friends have continued to be very supportive and giving. Thanks for all of your faithfulness, we continue to be able to pay our bills and ministry support. As far as our pledged giving and donations, we are now able to accept online donations. You can go to our webpage at www.umchapelvalley.org to our giving/donations page and it tells you how to do that. You can make a donation through our website, by texting or by using your smart phone. You can set up monthly donations that way as well if you do not want to continue writing checks. If you have questions, please call the office. We continue to be so grateful for your faithfulness. We will continue to monitor our finances and keep you updated. We also continue to do our best to cut down on expenses. We will have some expenses as we move to reopen according to the guidelines involving sanitizing equipment and other things. We will keep you updated on that as well.



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

Work Party

July 11—We will be having a work day mostly on the outside of the church on July 11. We will be working on weeding, other gardening, some painting and other minor maintenance. We will be practicing social distancing. Bring a mask in case you are working inside. It will be from 8:30 am until 12.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ann Pickard	7/07
David Rudolph	7/16
Dennis McCreary	7/18
Mary Ellett	7/20
Diane Wellman	7/27
Ron & Ruth Crise	7/18
Bill & Betty Rudolph	7/19