

# “The of the Matter”

A Monthly Source of Information for the Church

## Songs of Experience

**“The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him.”** **Exodus 15:2**

This verse sounds like it could be one of David’s Psalms, but it is the song that Moses and all of the children of Israel sang after their miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. Solely and collectively, they had experienced His awesome power. They were amazed recipients of His incredible deliverance from the pursuing Egyptian army who were closing in on them.

Imagine the utter surprise of the Israelites when they saw the Red Sea open before them, forming two enormous walls of water on either side of a dry pathway. Imagine their astonishment when after they had safely passed through to the other side, the walls of water came crashing down upon their enemies, killing them all.

From this story, we can know that the same God who delivered the Israelites is able to deliver us when we face formidable challenges. In the impossibilities of life, God opens the way. In the trying circumstances of life, God has the solution. In the darkest of nights, God’s light shines through. It is our God who opens the “Red Seas” of our life experiences too. He is the One who gives us a song to sing.

It probably wasn’t always easy for Fanny Crosby to understand that God guides in each aspect of life’s experiences. Although she was blind, God gave her a new vision. He placed a song in her heart—and not just a song, but more than 8,000 of them. Fanny Crosby saw much more than many of the people around her. In the eyes of her mind, she saw God’s amazing mercy, forgiveness, power, and love. She once wrote, “I have always believed that the good Lord, in His infinite mercy, by this means (my blindness) consecrated me to the work I am still permitted to do.”

Her hymns have brought meaningful revelations to generations of Christians. One of her gospel songs that sums up her philosophy of life is “All the Way.” The hymn ends with a glorious refrain “When I wake to life immortal, wing my flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way; this my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.”

May we courageously unite our voices with people like the ancient Israelites and Fanny Crosby in a mighty chorus, “This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.”

A favorite quotation from Mrs. Ellen White is “God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him.” *Desire of Ages*, p. 224.

The surrender expressed in this prayer is an open door for Jesus to enter and take control. “Lord, take my heart, for I cannot give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, un-christlike self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 159. By Donna Faye Anderson

# Church News

## Pathfinders

Club meetings began last month after a summer break. Fifteen young people have joined so far.

These youth are planning to attend the Pathfinder Camporee, October 5-9, at the Lake Skinner Campground in Winchester, CA. The Camporee is sponsored and organized by the Pacific Union Conference for Pathfinder Clubs and their families from Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah.

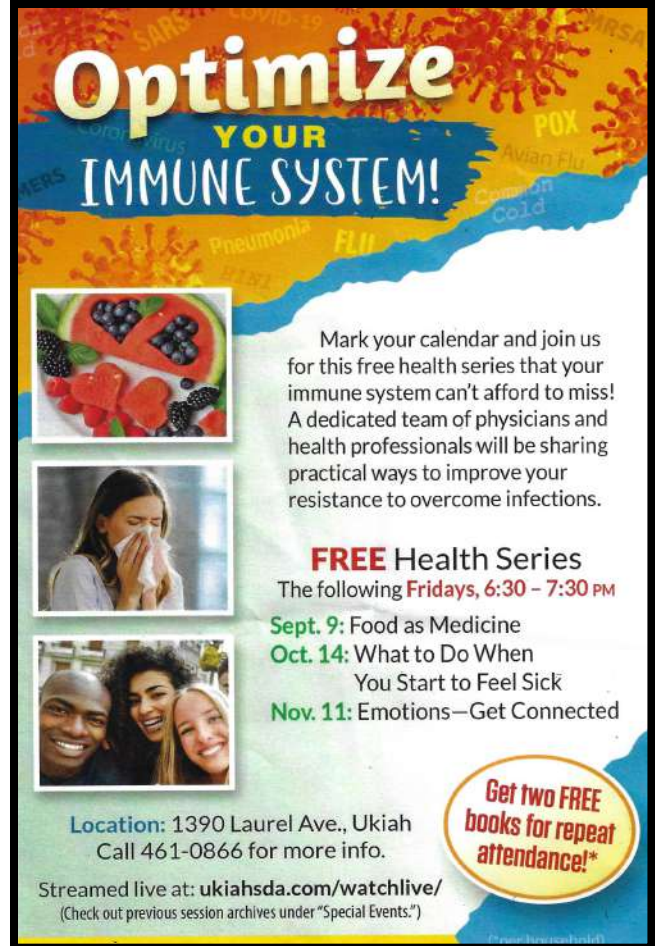
A big thank you to our Club Director, Luis Pastor, and the volunteers who help him to increase youth involvement in our local church ministries as they train them for leadership.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

To Know Jesus  
    To Share Jesus  
                    To Follow Jesus  
Changing Lives Today  
                    And For Eternity

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Filled With The Holy Spirit,  
Discipling,      Baptizing,      Teaching  
                    With Love,  
Preparing All For Jesus' Return



**Optimize YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM!**

Mark your calendar and join us for this free health series that your immune system can't afford to miss! A dedicated team of physicians and health professionals will be sharing practical ways to improve your resistance to overcome infections.

**FREE Health Series**  
The following **Fridays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

- Sept. 9:** Food as Medicine
- Oct. 14:** What to Do When You Start to Feel Sick
- Nov. 11:** Emotions—Get Connected

**Location:** 1390 Laurel Ave., Ukiah  
Call 461-0866 for more info.

Streamed live at: [ukiahsda.com/watchlive/](http://ukiahsda.com/watchlive/)  
(Check out previous session archives under "Special Events.")

**Get two FREE books for repeat attendance!\***

An apple on our tree in the back yard. Photo by David

It has been said, "An apple a day keeps the Doctor away!"



# Youth Corner

Now that school is underway, we are getting back to the normal youth event schedule. We have an event once a month and vespers twice a month. On September 11 we had our last surf trip of 2022, and it went really well. The kids had a good time, and the waves were just about perfect. In October and November, we will be doing Rock-climbing as our main event. The dates for both the events and vespers are listed below. Vespers this year is a little different. We will have one on a Friday night and one on a Saturday night each month. The Saturday night vespers will be followed by a game night. Please contact Pastor K. for any questions. We also need to start figuring out who is going on the mission trip next summer. Please let Pastor K. know if you would like to go.

Oct 16 – Rock Climbing  
 Nov 13 – Rock Climbing

Oct 14 – Friday Night Vespers  
 Oct 29 – Saturday Night Vespers and Game Night  
 Nov 11 - Friday Night Vespers  
 Dec 2 - Friday Night Vespers  
 Dec 17 - Saturday Night Vespers and Game Night

## Up-Coming Church Dates:

October 1: Guest speaker, Eddie Heinrich  
 October 9: Alice Fashauer Memorial  
 October 10: Church Office is closed for Columbus Day  
 October 22: Pioneer Sabbath  
 October 29: Guest speaker, Marty Robbins  
 November 5: Thanksgiving Celebration  
 December 11: Christmas Cantata

# Church News, Cont.

## Outdoor Church – Recapped by Marshall Merklin

Outdoor Church was held on September 17, once again at Mill Creek. The morning began with the Sabbath School lesson led by Jesse Buller. Margie Rice led song service with Zack Gore, Benji Oliver, and Pastor Williams. Dan Kuntz led in a game of team Bible charades.

Church service was highlighted by the choir singing “Down by the Riverside,” and Carolyn Brooks on her electric keyboard.

Following the theme of miracles, Wendi Olivera presented a creative one-person play as the woman that Jesus healed.

After Pastor Williams' sermon, "Jesus Never Fails," the Social Committee hosted a wonderful potluck enjoyed by all in the shade of the beautiful trees.



Outdoor Church at Mill Creek. Photos by Marshall Merklin



## UJA News

### **Who Are the Prayer Kids?**

At the beginning of each day, Monday through Thursday, included in staff worship, the teachers pray for the two students who have been selected for that day. It is their desire that the parents will join them in praying for the “Prayer kids” each day.

During Friday Chapel, a very special prayer of blessing is offered for the weekly “Prayer kids”. Principal Rick and the staff also appreciate the daily prayers of their church family for the dynamic mission of UJA. May we all enjoy the privilege of watching the Lord work in marvelous ways as we utilize the power of corporate, intercessory prayer for our precious students.



Cecily on the left and Rosa on the right.  
Photographer, Allison Kurtz

We have two new faces for after school care this year, Rosa and Cecily! Well, one may not be so new, Cecily is back and helping with after school care once again! Cecily is also helping out in watching the kids in the morning from 7:30 to 8:00. They are both fantastic and we are so glad to have them on our UJA Team!

**Give Back to Schools Week**  
**2022**

**October 9-15**

Each time you shop during the week, just tell your cashier which participating school you choose. **We'll donate 3% of your sale to that school -- you pay nothing!**

Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op will donate 3% of all sales to registered local schools.

UKIAH Natural Foods CO-OP

### **Give Back to Schools Week**

The Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op will be donating money to local participating schools through its GIVE BACK TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

During the week of Sunday, October 9 through Saturday, October 15, the Co-op will donate 3% of all sales to the registered schools.

This is a great time to stock up on non-perishable pantry and bulk food items, as well as supplements and personal care products. Encourage your friends and family to do the same! Just be sure to tell the clerk at the check-out counter that your school is Ukiah Junior Academy!

**REMEMBER THIS:** The more you shop at the Co-op from October 9-15, the more UJA will receive!

**Yearbook Publication Workshop at PUC**

by Allison Kurtz

This year, PUC decided to have an in-person Pub Tech Workshop again! So of course, I had to take my students, Leilani Duran, Klayten Zinn, and Logan Kurtz. I remember going when I was a 10th grader here at UJA and had a blast. It went from September 11-13 and they got to take a class in journalism, photography, and graphic design to help make their school's yearbook the best it could be. All three of my yearbook students agreed that the journalism class was their favorite. After they finished their three classes and had lunch, all the attending students were tasked with interviewing a faculty member or someone who worked in Angwin. My students had the pleasure of meeting one of the biology professors, Professor John Duncan. From their interview they learned how he went from a math major to a bio teacher, and learned about his love for jujitsu enough to become the head of the club there at PUC. This workshop did the trick, as all three of my yearbook kids are hyped up and ready to make this the best yearbook they have worked on yet. I asked if they would like to attend again next year, and all three said they definitely want to.

While we were attending the graphic design workshop, I was pleasantly surprised to see that the professor teaching was my graphic design professor back when I was attending PUC, Professor Cliff Rusch. While going over his presentation, he mentioned one of his successful students, Jackie Rivera, who is also an alumnus of UJA! That was another fun surprise, as I remember her back when I attended UJA. Overall, we had a fantastic time at the Pub Tech workshop. It was very nostalgic for me, and an exciting adventure for the students, as it was their first time on the PUC campus. Also as a side-note, the mural Logan, Klayten, and Leilani are standing in front of is a mural that Jackie Rivera painted on the side of Fisher Hall, the PUC Art Department.



Above pictures are of a wall mural created by Jackie Rivera, a former student at UJA. Way to go, Jackie!

Left; A photo of the professors that taught our classes. Allison states, "The first one on the left is Tim Deletorre. He and I were in the same major; he graduated a couple years before me. Next to him is Cliff Rusch, who was one of the amazing graphic design teachers that taught me back in the day. Next to him is the journalism professor... whose name I don't remember. And next to her was the photography professor, whose name also escapes me..."



*Yearbook workshop cont.*



Pictured clockwise starting above left: Our arrival on PUC Campus. Logan Kurtz, Klayten Zinn, Leilani Duran, and Allison Kurtz in front. Right: Ice breaker games with kids from other participating schools. Logan, Klayten and Leilani with John Duncan, a professor in the Biology Department, after their interview with him. Exploring the taxidermy room in the Biology Department.

## Fall Festival

Fall Festival is coming up on Sunday, October 23, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be lots of fun activities, scrumptious food options, delightful crafts, homemade food items, challenging games, plus lots of wonderful fellowship.

There will be a “Silent Auction” for gift baskets put together by the classes to support the Technology Fund and the Helen Winkle Memorial Pie Auction, of which the proceeds will go towards a new outdoor basketball court on the playground. As many donated pies as possible to auction off would be SOO exciting!

Fall Festival is always a “highlight” of the year, certainly a great event for the whole family! And even more than that—you can invite your friends and family to come join the fun! Every year this is a big fundraiser for UJA and the staff never ceases to be amazed by your support and generosity!

This is a required school day, so attendance will be taken by each teacher. The teachers have asked for many parent volunteers whose enthusiastic participation helps to make this day a tremendous success.

## UJA News, cont.

Picture day: October 27  
Retake day: November 3  
Need to wear a UJA shirt/jacket.  
Jumpers and such are okay

Annalee Beagle is excited to be back at her Alma Mater to teach history because of Mr. Chapman’s retirement. She is also the SA sponsor and directs the Student Council! It is exciting to have her back in the area and at Rio!



Annalee and Allison a couple weeks back at the Healdsburg Art Crawl!



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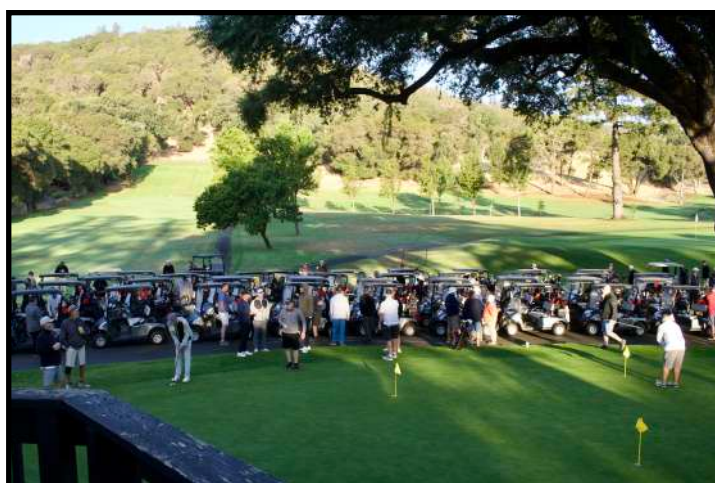
## The Glenn Miller Memorial Golf Tournament

### Thank You Bouquets Are Being Tossed—Be sure to catch one!

“Thank you very much to ALL of YOU who generously volunteered, participated in, or contributed to this year’s Glenn Miller Memorial Golf Tournament. We were blessed with tremendous success raising more than \$133,000.00 (before expenses) for worthy student scholarships. Astounding! Amazing! Awesome!” were the grateful sentiments from Steve Miller, the director and ambassador behind this incredible endeavor.

Thirty-four teams composed of 136 players joined the fun. A couple of the Ukiah Junior Academy students, Nathan Kuntz and Sami Casuga, were entrepreneurs during the tournament. They had been asked to help at a certain destination on the course. En route, they picked up stray golf balls and sold them. They increased the tournament fundraiser by \$43.00. Way to go, guys! The Savings Bank of Mendocino County provided their traditional lunch at Todd Grove Park, adjacent to the Ukiah Valley Golf Course. The UJA staff enjoyed serving the participants.

Additionally, the event provided a wonderful opportunity to feature UJA and the dynamic ministry it gives to the community. Plans are already underway for next year, so mark your calendars for Friday, September 15, 2023.





**Blue Zones Project** By Ryan Veness**Dahvi's Kitchen: Where Cambodian Food Meets American Food**

Dahvi Hooper's vision to share her passion for cooking to the local Willits community, started at a very young age while helping at her mother's restaurant. Wanting to maintain her family's Cambodian roots, Dahvi decided, during the pandemic, that she would start her own restaurant, Dahvi's Kitchen. Although Dahvi is in her mid-20's, she knew that with her family's restaurant background, her own drive for success, and her talent of cooking incredibly flavorful Cambodian food, that she would be able to create an experience that would help the local community see how truly amazing Cambodian food really is.

As someone who is willing to get up early, put in the work, and climb to the top of the mountain, she realized that winning over an entire community to a new style of cooking would be challenging. Knowing that the families of the community value menu variety, she decided to offer a wide array of choices. Along with the incredible Cambodian cuisine, Dahvi and her staff are able to expertly prepare quality burgers and comfort foods. Giving family members a choice to choose what they want, is what has helped get patrons in the door. When they realize how incredible Cambodian food really is, she has been able to respectfully win over the hearts of our local community to experience the health, flavor, and satisfaction of this amazing food.

Dahvi wants to also pay tribute to her late father who used to teach nutrition when he lived in Hawaii. His passion for health was a major contributor to her starting her business. Dahvi's "Loved-Ones-First" approach drives a very important message of providing healthy food choices to the community. She is excited to blend the flavors of her 101 Burgers and Cambodian Food. Keep up the good work, Dahvi and team. Thank you for helping us live younger and longer by making the healthy choice the easy choice.

Our staff here at Blue Zones Project can't say enough good things about the incredible food at Dahvi's Kitchen. Go and check it out for yourself. We promise, you will love it!



### Veggie Food Store

Cheryl reports:

“If you like Nutolene, Bill’s Best Seasonings, and Chef Bonneau gravy mixes, they are discontinued. Right now, we have a good supply, so get them while you can.

Look for our table at the Fall Festival. We will be selling bags of Butler’s Vegan Jerky.”  
YUM!!!

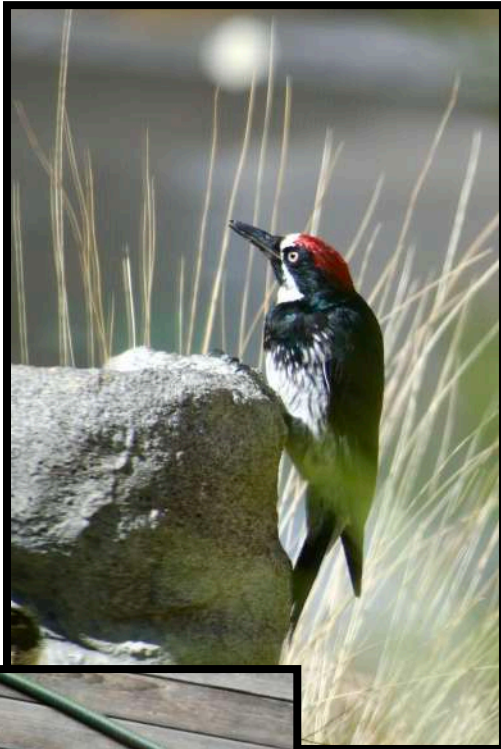


Photo right; Pictured left to right: Elders Freddie Batin, Gene Anderson & Robert MyaPe in the Chin Hills. Photographer; Elder C. B. Guild.

Photo above: Acorn Woodpecker on our fountain. Left: A fox that knocked on our door. Nature photos by David Anderson.

### Gene Anderson: Trailblazer to Tedim

We are excited! The book has arrived in homes all across the nation and in Canada. Praise God! The loving ministry of Gene and Lois continues to bless lives. We are getting many notes of appreciation and positive critiques.

Here are a few:

“Thank you for the time and effort you put in to write this book and preserve some great stories.”

“What a treasure you created! The stories of family interaction and emotion were especially dear to me. They brought smiles, inspiration, and yes, a few tears.”

“Gene and Lois strike me as each having been born with much more than the usual vitality, creativity, and loyalty to each other, the denomination, and God.”

“The research that this book displays in its narration, resources, and references is beyond impressive.”

“The book is of high quality and deserves a wide circulation.”

If you haven’t ordered yours yet, we trust that you will soon to receive the blessing that awaits. With the holidays approaching, this book would make an inspiring gift for friends or family. Right now, Dave and Donna Faye have a supply of them.

If we can connect locally, the cost is \$20.00 a book. If we will need to mail it within the US, the cost is \$30.00; in Canada, it’s \$45.00.

Looking forward to hearing from you! Donna Faye’s contact information: 707-234-9234 or [donnafaye64@icloud.com](mailto:donnafaye64@icloud.com).

