



Little Brown Church of Sunol

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Worship services at LBC continue to be suspended during the coronavirus pandemic. We are worshipping together in spirit and looking forward to being able to gather in community again.

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July-August Calendar

Saturday, July 4 ... Independence Day

Thursday, July 30 ... Church Council meeting

A Message from Church Council Chair Allen Cook

Greetings everyone,

This month brings the winds of change. Long time parishioner and our favorite usher, Kevin Matlock, is moving on to truly greener surroundings. He is retiring to Hillsboro, Oregon, to be near his daughter and son-in-law, and grand-kids. Margie and I took Kevin to lunch June 26 and afterward stopped by Little Brown Church so he could, one final time, walk through its door and gather peace and tranquility within the sanctuary. Kevin made lots of memories while attending Little Brown Church and expressed how much he will miss it and all of us who make up the congregation. Kevin and his son-in-law drove to Oregon Sunday, June 28. He will stay with his daughter and family until his house closes escrow. (If you wish to get in touch with Kevin, reply to this email for contact information.)

Little Brown Church council members met remotely, via Zoom conference calls, June 11 and again June 30. Helene offered a great idea at raising the church's presence online by opening an

Instagram website account, which her daughter Katie helped build. You can follow along at "LittleBrownChurchofSunol" on the Instagram app.

As for reopening the church for weekly services, we are monitoring Alameda County's government website for guidance on church openings within the county. Our church council will meet July 30 to review the situation for a possible September 1 opening.

Blessings to all,
Allen Cook



Kevin

Brief Notes

A few reminders for summer:

- If you need pastoral care and can't reach Pastor Mary immediately, please email Sue Ann Yarbrough at sayarbrough@gmail.com.
- Please remember to stay current with your pledges. Checks can be mailed to Little Brown Church at P.O. Box 124, Sunol, CA 94586.
- Covid-19 cases are continuing to rise in Alameda County and California in general. The church council will discuss the best timing to resume worship services. In the meantime, please take all precautions and stay safe.

Big Changes at Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter

Due to the Covid-19 health crisis, the 66 residents living at Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter have been moved into a hotel to provide separate living accommodations. As of June 5, there were no illnesses at the shelter but social distancing within the building was proving to be difficult. The hotel provides three meals a day and personal care items while the residents are living there.

Community Outreach Director Jean Morgan will let us know when the residents are able to move back into the shelter and when the shelter will again allow volunteers to provide meals.

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