

# Around Forestville

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## Downtown Clean-Up...

We're grateful for every person who showed up to help get downtown clean for summer guests, for the Forestville Youth Park parade and for the pleasure of our residents.

About 20 individual citizens came with tools and energy, a whole crew came from the Forestville Fire Department led by Chief Dan Northern and another crew came from Bodean Company led by Bill Williams. There were enough people and tools to clean until about 2 o'clock when we all succumbed to the heat of the day. For anyone coming through downtown, you can see a difference!

La Rosa's Taqueria was generous with donating water for our workers, Nick Alberigi of Alb's Trucking donated his dump truck to haul off all the trash and even drove it up and down the streets to pick up bags so people didn't have to drag heavy bags to the truck.

I'd love to list all the people involved, but quite honestly, I was out working with them and didn't take the time to write down all their names. We even had some over-zealous weeders eliminate poppies lovingly raised by Phyllis of The Good Life and Colleen of Front Street Coffee, so Alan Joseph donated \$20 to replace the plants, Dorothy of Stumptown Nursery donated plants and soil amendments and I purchased poppies at Harmony Nursery. Colleen and Phyllis re-dressed up the area in front of their stores with delight.

Thank you everyone who took the time out of their busy lives to contribute to the benefit of our community. Now that the parade has come and gone, there are candy wrappers along the parade route, so please, pick them up and throw them away when you walk through town. Until we can hire someone steady to clean downtown, we depend entirely on generous volunteers who care enough to put in the time it takes to keep our home maintained.

## Coming Through

Every year Jeff Tobes leads a group of students and interested individuals on remarkable walks around the county. This year his group will be coming through Forestville on June 28th about 10:30am or so. They'll be starting in Sebastopol and walking to Monte Rio, ending with a BBQ and dance at Monte Rio Amphitheater. The fee for walkers, including numerous meals, music, and dance, is \$40. Cost of the dinner/dance for non-walkers is \$20 per person. If you'd like to join, just call Jeff at 888-1670 or 284-3968, or email: jefftobes@hotmail.com. Also, check the website at Sonomacountyhistory.org for latest information. It's always fun and great exercise to boot!

## Mystery Dinner & Auction...

Saturday, June 14th, the Methodist Church is having a "Construction" Dinner and Auction. This is a fund raiser to help pay for fixing the "Leaning Tower of Forestville." It's subtle, but the Methodist Church bell tower is leaning toward Covey Road and needs a new foundation to bring it back to vertical. This building is used for a lot more than the church - it houses the Boy Scouts, the Prime Timers and a host of other group functions. It's more like a Community Center. And it will take the full community to raise enough money to get the foundation fixed.

Please come join in the fun, bid on auction items like fancy hotel rooms, a catered dinner for six and much more. You'll get a good meal, the company of wonderful people and an opportunity to contribute to the benefit of your home town. Please call for reservations: 887-2020 or 887-2759. It costs a mere \$15 per adult, \$10 for 12 and under and under 5 are free. No more than \$40 per family. You can't beat that! And yes, if you want to give them money to fix the tower without going to dinner - you can do that, too! No problem!

**Fixing Up...** I keep forgetting to mention this and every time I see the sign on the side of Forestville's Oddfellows Hall, I remember. Now, at last, I'm getting the message out to you! Breakfast is a mere \$5.00 on Sundays at Oddfellows, cooked to perfection by volunteers trying to raise enough money to fix the roof before winter! It's a noble cause and you get a remarkably good, custom-cooked breakfast as part of the deal. Want to throw a few additional dollars in their direction to get that roof fixed - please go right ahead. And by the way - the hall is for rent for events, etc. Just call 887-1280.

# Pastor Kelley Moves On...

The United Methodist Church (UMC) is a connectional church, with a global ministry. Pastors moving and changing churches is a part of the UMC process and tradition. Pastor Kelley O'Connor will be leaving Forestville United Methodist Church (FUMC) at the end of June, after seven years of service here, to begin her new appointment as pastor of the New Community United Methodist Church in Oakhurst, California.

FUMC has served its' community since 1924. It operates many different programs and ministries, and also is "home" to many community groups, such as AA, 4-H, Cub Scout Pack 150, Boy Scout Troop 150, the Food Closet, and the Council on Aging's Senior Dining Site in Forestville.

Pastor Kelley came to Forestville after several years as Youth Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa. Kelley was a student pastor when she was assigned to FUMC, but leaves Forestville with her MA in Divinity at Pacific School of Religion, which she received last May.

Kelley supported the FUMC family through all the usual ways that pastor do--conducted weddings, baptisms, funerals, memorial services and several healing services. As to pastoral visitations to the sick or injured, let it be said that Kelley is perhaps best known and loved for her signature "Teddy Bear Care".

FUMC operates many different exciting programs and ministries, many of which began during Pastor Kelley's tenure. Kelley would be the first to say she didn't create the new programs, and certainly isn't responsible for any physical improvements to the church facility, but she has demonstrated a particular talent for supporting others in their calls to service.

## During the past seven years:

- New music ministries include the

Joyful Noise Women's Gospel Choir, two different hand bell choirs, and expanded Praise Team, complete with four-part harmony, guitars, bass and lots of percussion! (NOTE: As director of the Praise Team, Kelley's personal musical talents include a lovely soprano or alto voice, guitar, cello and violin!)

- FUMC implemented an early morning contemporary worship service, and new worship techniques, such as dramatic arts, and technology, including a projection screen.

- FUMC began a senior ministry called Pacesetters, which involves recreational activities and opportunities for community service.

- At the Friday evening Peace Vigil, A dedicated corps of volunteers ring the FUMC church bells for each life lost in the Iraq war.

- Stephen Ministries, a nationally known lay-caring program for church congregants as well as community members has begun, under the leadership of Bob Beazor and Barbara Uebel.

- The FUMC facility has been improved by paint, beautiful new stained glass windows, front landscaping, Memorial rose garden, refurbished education wing, narthex and office. (Next comes the repair of the FUMC historic, but aging and leaning Bell Tower!)

- FUMC received funding from the Redwood Empire Methodist Mission to support a After School Drop-In program for teens, which is slated to begin next fall.

In late April, the FUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee, met with FUMC's newly assigned pastor, Rev. Carol M. Carpenter, who has been serving UM churches for twenty-four years, most recently in an inner city church in North Sacramento. Pastor Carol moves into the church parsonage at the end of June, and begins her post at the FUMC pulpit on July 6, 2008.

# Hollydale News

## June 21st @ 6:00PM for the Hollydale Community Club's 2nd Annual "Rootin' Tootin' Boot Scootin' Summer Hoedown"

enthusiastically hosted again by hosts; Chelsea Atkins and Angela Lepori. These girls have been helping their families put on dinners for several years and now have come to the front row for the second year in a row... come join us and make their endeavors a hoot! This month's Western Theme dinner features BBQ Bacon Cheese Burgers, Country Coleslaw, Grilled/Husk Roasted Corn on the Cob, Western Sonoma County "Clubhouse" Chili and a thirst-quenching assortment of tasty beverages. Raffle to follow @ 8:00 Come dressed in Western attire!

**Spring Cleaning?...**Drop-off "or call for pickup" your Rummage for The Clubhouse's **July 19th Sale/Pancake Breakfast**, call 887-0330. Feel like helping out that morning sorting through the treasures, give Cris a call at 887-7840...just a couple of hours would do just fine. All proceeds from this sale go to the Club's "Happiness Fund" in which the Clubhouse gives back to the local community via donations in times of need. Please help us make this a year full of Happiness!

Melannie Thomas is hosting a **"Wisdom Workshop"** at the Clubhouse on Saturday June 28th...call 887-8485 for info and booking a spot. Her "Intuition Development Workshop" in April was highly praised by those attending.

Rent the Clubhouse...the 2000 sq/ft Clubhouse w/ Kitchen, BBQ area and 900 sq/ft Deck is available for meetings, classes, family gatherings, receptions and parties. Call the Clubhouse at 887-0330, or 695-2197