



United  
Women  
in Faith

# ECRD UWF Annual Celebration 2024

October 5, 2024

Unity in Community: How Do We Heal?



# Prelude

Lina Albano, Valley Faith UMC

# Welcome and Logistics

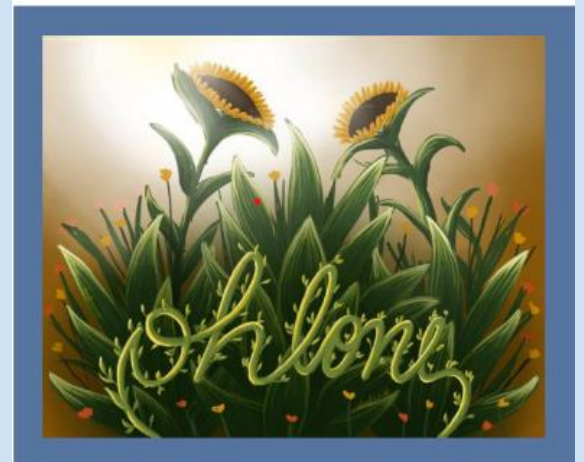
Saniata Melchor, Valley Faith UMC



# Welcome

Debbie Ow, President

El Camino Real District UWF



Music - “He Has Made Me Glad” FWS 2270

Joyce Samson, song leader

Lina Albano, pianist



# Opening Prayer



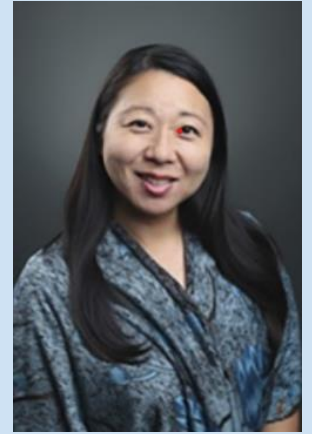
# Scripture Readings - Meli

Matthew 18:15-20

Colossians 3:12-17

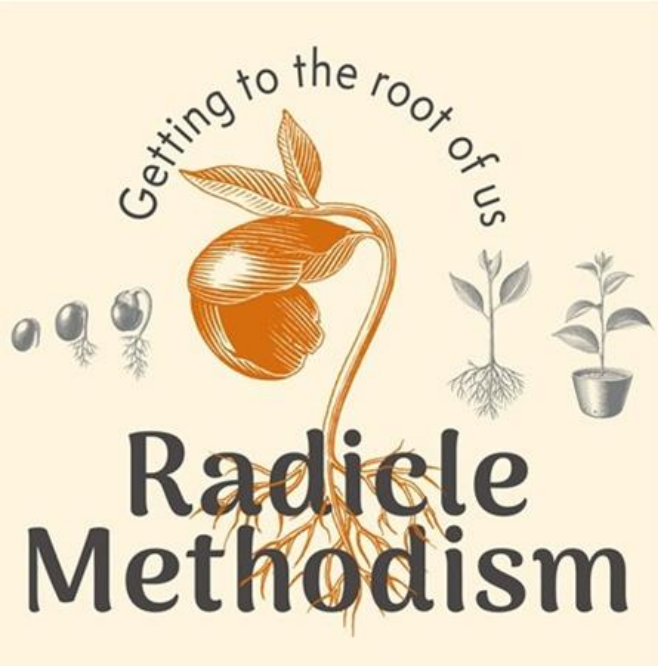


**Keynote Speaker - Motoe Yamada Foor**



**Unity in Community: How Do We Heal?**





January/February

Lenten Small Group (1. Bible, 2. Spiritual Formation, 3. Creativity)



Coach & Retreat Leader (half day, a day, overnight)

How much time did you spend deciding how to clothe yourself today?





compassion, kindness,  
humility, meekness, patience,  
forgiveness, love, harmony,  
peace, wisdom, and gratitude



- Which of these, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, love, harmony, peace, wisdom, or gratitude—do you clothe yourself with the most?
- Which one do you clothe yourself with the least?



**1. Hold the stone in your hand.** Reflect on the burdens weighing on your heart, and those you need to forgive.

**2.** When you are ready, go to the water bowl. **Place the stone into the water**, symbolizing the release of those burdens. Offer them to God, trusting in God's cleansing grace. Let go, and let God.

**3.** As you **pick up the blue marble**, let it remind you of your baptism and the love and renewal that God offers you.







Rev. Dan Damon  
[dandamonmusic.com](http://dandamonmusic.com)

Baptism Music  
sung by  
Rev. Eileen Johnson



# Celebration of Local Units Around the District



## Good Samaritan UWF

- Annual Celebration 2023
- White Elephant Christmas Party
- Reading Program



# Los Gatos UWF

## Reading Program Presentation

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# Marina UWF

- Holiday Faire
- Afternoon Tea





## St. Paul's UWF

- Joint Breakfast meeting
- Assembly of bags for Outreach
- Distribution of bags



## Valley Faith UWF

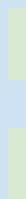
- Tea Party
- Supporting Vacation Bible School
- Yard Sale Fundraiser





## 5-Star Giving - Carolyn Bircher

- **Campbell UMC**
- **Fremont - St. Paul's UMC**
- **Gilroy UMC**
- **Los Altos UMC**



## 5-Star Giving



- **Marina UMC**
- **Salinas UMC**
- **San Jose - Wesley UMC**
- **San Jose - Willow Glen UMC**

# 5-Star Giving

- **Santa Clara UMC**
- **Sunnyvale UMC**
- **Sunnyvale - Valley Faith UMC**
- **Watsonville UMC**



# Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

## Campbell - 3 readers

- **Plan 2 - Darlene Dyer,  
Patty Henderson,  
Melinda Knepp**



## Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

**Cupertino, Good Samaritan - 5 readers (4 new readers)**

- **Plan 1 - Patricia Bablasz, Carlene Nakagawa, Kathi Turner**
- **Plan 3 - Barbara Shev**
- **Plan 4 - Carolyn Bircher**

# Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

## Marina - 1 reader

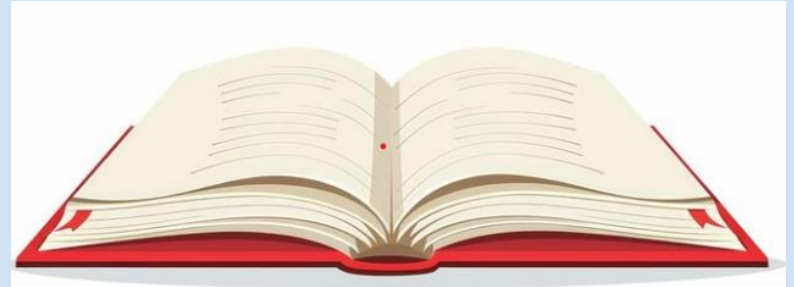
- **Plan 4 - Mary H. Adams**



Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

**Palo Alto First - 1 reader**

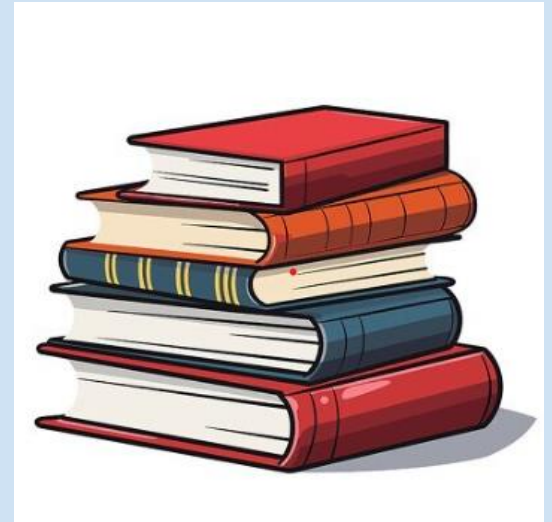
- **Plan 1 - Nancy Olson**



Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

**Salinas First - 1 reader (1 new reader)**

- **Plan 4 - Gaile Patton**

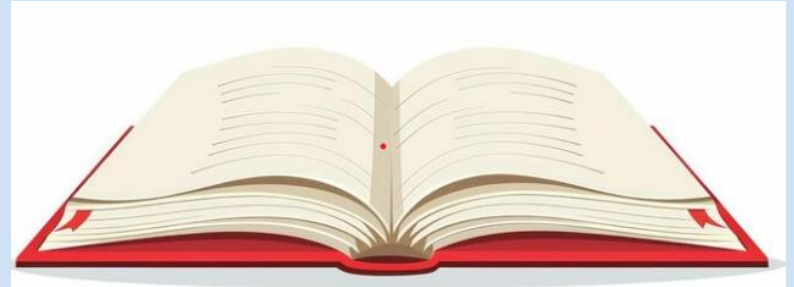




Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

**San Jose: Almaden Hills - 2 readers**

- **Plan 1 - Bonnie Home  
Julie Asada**



Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

**San Jose: Wesley - 1 reader (1 new reader)**

- **Plan 1 - Mary Horio**



Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

**San Jose: Willow Glen - 1 reader**

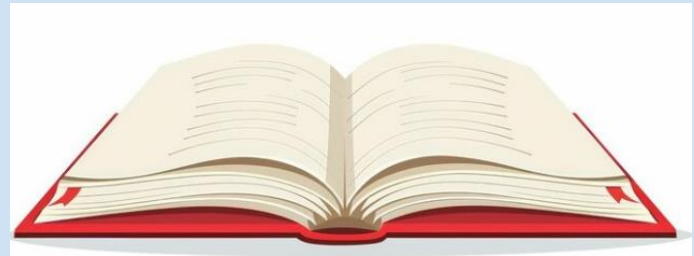
- **Plan 1 - Debbie Ow**



# Reading Program - Carolyn Bircher

## Sunnyvale - 3 readers

- **Plan 1 - Eleanor Barskey (101 yrs old)**
- **Plan 2 - Linda Morse, Donna Phillips**



# Mission Today - Debbie Ow

**Faith** (completed 8 or more objectives)

- **Watsonville**
- **Cupertino**

# Mission Today - Debbie Ow

## Faith - Hope

(completed 10 or more objectives)

- **Sunnyvale**
- **St Paul, Fremont**
- **Marina**
- **Santa Clara**
- **Los Gatos**
- **Wesley**

# Mission Today - Debbie Ow

## **Faith - Hope - Joy**

(completed 15 or more objectives)

- **Campbell**
- **Willow Glen**

# Music - “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

## FWS 2171

Joyce Samson, song leader

Lina Albano, pianist





# Climate Justice - Leslie Fisk



# SURJ



It doesn't matter how strong your opinions are.  
If you don't use your power for positive change,  
you are, indeed, part of the problem.

Coretta Scott King  
Author

# Remembering our Saints



# Campbell

- Bertie Meehan



# Good Samaritan

- Myra Wagner
- Sadie Furumasu



# St. Paul UMC, Fremont

- Joan Wilson



# Salinas First UMC

2022 - Jerry Conley

Pat Garlingere

Betty Pettit

2023 - Annie Johnson

2024 - Sharon Forrest

Karen Hall

Joan Miloch

Janet Westfall



# San Jose First

- Nancy Hellyer





# Santa Clara

- DeLois Reynolds



# Sunnyvale

- Lisa Evans
- Celeste Lacy
- Linda Marken



# Wesley

- Doris Yoshihara
- Ann Taniguchi
- Kathy Takeda
- Marty Iwagaki



# Business Meeting

## Mission Giving - Carolyn Bircher

Pledge to Mission:	\$29,209
Gift to Mission cards:	\$735
Memory cards:	\$1,120
World Thank Offering:	\$ 2,698
Special Recognition pins:	<u>\$840</u>
Total undesignated:	\$34,602

## Mission Giving - Carolyn Bircher

Prayer and Self Denial:	\$732	
Children & Youth:	\$700	
Gum Moon:	\$1,975	
Mary Elizabeth Inn:	\$2,275	
Pajaro Flood Victims:	\$1,050	(last year's celebration offering)
Legacy Fund:	<u>\$100</u>	
Total designated:	\$6,832	

# Budget & Approval - Carolyn Bircher

Events:	2024 Budget	2024 Actual (so far)	Proposed 2025 Budget
Connect & Learn	\$250	\$100	\$250
Retreat	\$5,000	\$181	\$5,000
Mission u	\$2500	\$1,357	\$2,500
Celebration	\$1050	\$0	\$1,050
Other Events	\$150	\$0	\$150
Admin:			
Communication	\$750	\$469	\$750
Officer Expenses	\$500	\$57	\$500
Audit	\$500	\$500	\$500
Totals:	\$10,700	\$2,752	\$10,700

Beulah Ministry

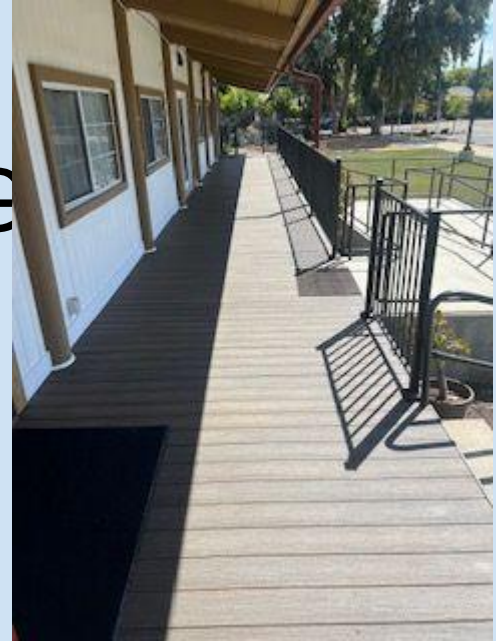
[www.canvumw.org/beulah](http://www.canvumw.org/beulah)





Beulah Ministry

Valley Faith Porch via Beulah G



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# **Leadership Slate & Approval**

Debbie Ow - President

Carolyn Bircher - Treasurer

**Cheryl Harmon - Secretary (new)**

Leslie Fisk - Social Justice and Communications

Joyce Wilkinson - Communications

Mele Kei - Member at Large

# Offering

Accompaniment - Lina Albano

Proceeds for the UWF Mission Fund



Closing Remarks -

Debbie Ow, President ECRD UWF

Benediction - Leslie Fisk

Closing Prayer & Grace



*Blessings*

# Lunch Logistics - Saniata Melchor



# Music - “We Are Family”

Joyce Samson, song leader

Mark Panelo, pianist





**Thank you for coming!**

**The El Camino Real District UWF Team**