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Family Camp
Registration Inside!

MAY
2013



From the Pastor

A pastor shares a time when he missed the church Trustees meeting the night they voted on the budget for the next year. The chairperson called the pastor the next morning and told him what a great meeting they had. In her words, "It was as if the Holy Spirit descended on us. We unanimously approved next year's budget...a ten percent increase over this year's. It was wonderful!" When the pastor regained consciousness, he told her that a congregation that was struggling to meet the current year's budget had no chance of handling a ten percent increase. But she responded, "Well, you weren't there and we've already voted and that's that!"

During the month of October, the Trustees had a Stewardship Moment during each worship service. At the end of the month, the Trustees Chair stood up in worship and said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day, in this church. I am pleased to announce, even though there were some who insisted we could never pledge this budget, that we have pledged next year's budget in full, even with the ten percent increase!" The church erupted in spontaneous applause. Reflecting on that moment, the pastor says, "Sometimes I fear those strange, glorious moments when the church becomes the body of Christ and the kingdom of God breaks out among us."

Years ago, when we completed Memorial Hall, the senior minister of this church did not believe we would ever have another building campaign, at least not while he was around...would never complete that dream of a chapel and new education and youth rooms. Never happen! Months ago, the senior minister of this church did not believe that we could reach a pledge goal of \$271,000. Never happen...except that it did happen! What's wrong with you people? No one listens to a word I say...thank goodness! It sure can be hard to predict just where and when God's Spirit will blow in and through our life together. But know this...it will, it surely will. Let's be ready for whatever God has in store for us next.

Gene



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

Family Camp

AUGUST 30, 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

Join us at Family Camp – bring your family to meet our family! The "family" in Family Camp is our church family – singles, doubles, traditional families, non-traditional families and parts of families are all welcome to attend. Come join our family at Family Camp!

CONTINUE THE FAMILY TRADITION OR START A NEW TRADITION – DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN AT FAMILY CAMP!

Names (Family rate implies one household and includes college students dependent on parents' income)	Ages (18 & under)	Comments (i.e., will bring port-a-crib, need wheelchair access, cannot walk far, cabin mate requests, special dietary needs, will bring tent, need bottom bunk, cabin requests etc.)

Address: _____ Phone: _____
(Please fill in address, even if you are on mailing list.)

Total cost for my family _____

Amount enclosed _____

Balance due _____

- We request a \$50 non-refundable deposit
- You pay whichever figure is lowest; no family need pay more than \$210 (or \$230)
- The **ENTIRE FEE** must be paid before August 13 to get the lower rate
- Fees include two nights lodging and six meals and all materials
- Additional scholarships available – call the church office at 823-2484
- Mail registration & check to Community Church P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473

Family Camp Fee Schedule

Early Bird (before August 13)

\$40 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$80 Individuals 12 years +
\$210 Families (one household only)

After August 13

\$50 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$100 Individuals 12 years +
\$230 Families (one household only)

Saturday Only

\$30 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$45 Individuals 12 years +
No Family Rate Available

Beat the traffic and arrive at Camp Cazadero for Family Camp as early as 4 pm on Friday!!

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Adult Education invites you to drop in for our Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School. Visit the Fireside Room at 9:30 for coffee and discuss the scripture for the morning's sermon. We will begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. Then we read the passage, discuss it, and during worship, listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight. Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a Bible scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays in May on May 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 10 AM to 11:15 AM in the Fireside. May 22 will be the final meeting of Women's Bible Study before the summer break. For any questions, contact the group facilitator Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will resume meeting in the fall. Enjoy your summer!

NAME TAGS



Name Tags? Do you have your name tag? Do you wear your name tag? Do you need a name tag? If your name tag has come up missing, or you don't have a name tag, we'd like to get one for you! And if you already have your name tag, please make a habit of clipping it on to help all of us remember your name!

To get a new or replacement name tag, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, leave it in the church office or hand it to our welcome ladies at the front door.

Please print C L E A R L Y the first and last name you would like printed on your church name tag:

First Name _____

Last Name _____



May 5

Rev. Kristen DelMonte will preach this Sunday.

Communion

May 12

Festival of the Christian Home

JESUS AND FAMILY VALUES

When preachers and politicians talk about "Christian family values," it may have very little to do with Jesus' rather radical teachings on the subject.

Luke 8:19-21; 12:49-53

Rev. Nelson

May 19

Pentecost Sunday

YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER

Easter means that the world has come to a new place, that a new day has dawned. But, curiously, the world doesn't seem to know this. The promise often goes unclaimed. But it is still true. It is still available to those who would receive it. Anyone interested?

Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-21

Rev. Nelson

May 26

JESUS ON THE FRINGE

We so want Jesus to endorse our values, our life-styles, our way of being in the world. But just when we think we have him under our control, we find him out on the disruptive fringes of life seeking to heal and restore in the unlikely places.

Luke 8:26-39

Rev. Nelson

Women's Retreat Fundraiser

Women's Retreat Committee is planning a Yard Sale for July 13 at the Community Church parking lot on Danmar Drive.

If you have items you would like to donate to yard sale for the Women's Retreat Committee, contact Lisa Dawson at 953-9545 or LisaDawson@sonic.net.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Counselors Harry & Susanna Simms are available to meet with you in the Fireside Room on Thursday evenings at 7PM as they facilitate a support group dealing with the pain of grief. Losing a loved one, whether it be a recent loss, or from years past, can be difficult to process. The group meets each Thursday at 7PM in the Fireside Room. There is no charge and the group is open to all. Please call Harry or Susanna at 829-7769 if you have any questions.



PILGRIM CENTER FURNISHINGS

Here is our wish list for the furnishings of the new Pilgrim Center. If you would like to assist with the financing of single items, please talk with Jane Huneke (795-5451) or either Revs. Nelson or DelMonte. Thank you so much.

- chapel chairs •hymnals •book case for storing hymnals
- plant stand •bean bag chairs for the youth lounge
- bistro tables and chairs for the youth lounge
- locked, free-standing bookcases/ storage units
- candle sticks holders •candelabra

Mother's Day May 12

UKULELE GROUP MEETS ON FRIDAYS

The Ukestars are now meeting in their new location, the Choir Room at the Community Church, for their weekly Friday singing/strumming sessions from 10-11:30 AM. For information please call Vicki Reno 827 3668 or email vreno@comcast.net



Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2013

Continental Breakfast 8:40 AM Discussion 9-11 AM

We invite all women to join us on the **Second Saturday each month** in the new Pilgrim Center for Between Women. Each meeting stands independently, our group is fluid, so whether you can attend every month or just occasionally, you are always welcomed by an intergenerational group of gals. We discuss, we share, we listen, we talk, we eat and we have FUN! Please mark you calendars and reserve the second Saturday of the month for **Between Women**.

Are you new to the Community Church? Would you like to know more about Between Women? Or perhaps you have a friend you would like to bring to Between Women? ALL women are welcome! For more information, please contact Marie Cotton at 823-3375.

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A SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED

APRIL 28 AND MAY 5

On April 28 and May 5, the Parish Care Coordinators will be in the courtyard following worship to collect your emergency contact information. On more than one occasion this information has proved a valuable tool for our ministers.

Please take a few moments after church to fill out the emergency contact information form. Or get a head start and use the form in this newsletter and look for the Parish Care Coordinators after church on April 28 and May 5.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION: HELP US HELP YOU!

One fact cannot be denied – we are all aging! Someday you may find yourself in need of family help or even emergency medical care. Having family contact information on file at the church may make the first hours of any emergency easier to deal with. We live in a close community, and we have a very caring church family – having information about whom to contact should the need arise would be of benefit to your pastors.

Please take a moment to fill this out and bring it to the church of April 28 or May 5 or mail to the church office at P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, 95473. All information will be kept confidential.

Your Name _____

Your address _____

Your phone _____

Family/contact person _____

Contact person relationship to you _____

Contact address _____

Contact phone _____

Alternate phone _____

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers



Our World Champion San Francisco Giants are a hot item and we have 49 tickets for, Saturday, July 6 against the LA Dodgers. We are in section 131 – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of the bus – you save the driving hassle, the bridge tolls and parking nightmare, and have a great trip to see Giant Baseball with your friends. Mark your calendar now and for sign up in the church office or call 823-2484 to get on the list. You may also email: office@uccseb.org. Ticket price for the game and bus: \$75. Checks can be made out to the Community Church. Seat assignments will be handed out on a first paid, first choice basis.

LET'S GET CREATIVE

Coming this summer – your chance to show off your creativity! During the summer months our Sunday bulletin covers will feature artwork from members and friends of the Community Church – maybe you would like to see your artwork in print. We have featured everything from photos of your quilting project, to copies of watercolors and oils, drawings and photographs. We need to be able to copy your project on our copier in the office and shrink it to fit our bulletin cover ((8 ½ x 7). Call the office with any questions at 823-2484 or office@uccseb.org.

APPLE PIES EVENT

AUGUST 9, 10, 11, 2013



Mark your calendar for this fun multi-generational event August 9-11 as we prepare and bake over 1500 Gravenstein apple pies for the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Not only is this event fun, but all proceeds fund our camp scholarships for youth camps and Family Camp at Camp Cazadero.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the third Monday of the month, meeting next on May 20 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

ADULT MISSION TRIP FOR 2013

9:30 AM Meeting May 19 Before Worship

A work group of 13 have signed up from the Community Church to travel to Henryville, Indiana, to help with tornado clean up and reconstruction with the UCC Disaster Response Team. Few buildings in Henryville were left standing after a storm that was part of a series of seven tornadoes swept through five Midwest states in March 2012. The trip is scheduled for June 16-22.

There will be an important Adult Mission Trip meeting before church in the media Room on May 19 at 9:30 AM. Please call Joyce Cox - 829-0750 for more information.

THE HUMAN RACE

Mission & Outreach will participate in the Human Race on May 5, raising funds for Restorative Justice Resources. You are invited to participate in the walk/run too! You can also help by sponsoring the Mission & Outreach team – look for sponsor sign ups after church in the courtyard now through May 5. You may also sign up and make a pledge in the church office.

RECYCLE EMPTY INK JET CARTRIDGES

Leave your empty inkjet cartridges in the cardboard box in the church office and Mission & Outreach will be able to turn them into cash to help fund our pledge to Habitat for Humanity. Please bring the cartridges in a sealed plastic baggie and Mission & Outreach will take care of the rest. What could be easier! Hundreds of dollars have been generated from your empty cartridges for this project. For a list of accepted empty cartridges, please see the list in the church office or call Karin in the office at 823-2484.



MISSION & OUTREACH



SACK LUNCHES: 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

The Community Church has been participating in the Sebastopol Homeless Sack Lunch Program since April 2012. Thank you to all our dedicated lunch volunteers: Steve Beck, Dee Coester, Bernie Hovden, Chris Jenkins, Rowena Kennedy, Rachel Knuth, Jamie Malone, Kathy Matthies, Debbie McCallum, Debbie McLeod, Ellen Stillman, Kay and Jerry Warren and Norma Watson. Thanks also to our substitute volunteers: Barbara Deedler, Carleen Madsen, Jeane Polley and Babetta Wilson.

Sack lunches are offered out of the Christian church kitchen each day of the week, prepared by different churches and individuals. If you would like to help with this project, contact Chris Jenkins at 829-2230. If you are not available to help with preparations, your cash donations are also greatly appreciated.

SATURDAY TABLE

On the second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Memorial Hall to our local homeless population. In addition to offering a hot meal, we also offer showers. If you would like to contribute to this effort, there are several ways to help:

- ❖ Cash and check can be made out to the Community Church and designated for the homeless lunch
- ❖ Thick tube socks, warm clothing – sweat pants, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.
- ❖ Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs, small tents
- ❖ LED flashlights and AAA batteries

These items do not have to be new, but they must be usable and clean. Look for the collection bin in the church entry to drop off your donations. Monetary donations should be left in the church office. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249 or the church office at 823-2484.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER INTEREST PROGRAM COME GROW WITH GOD!



Every Sunday this summer, we will have two summer interest centers. One center is specifically designed for our younger children, ages 3-5 and the other is for our older children, ages 6-11. Please let me know which age group and which Sunday works best for you to volunteer or help supervise.

Following our theme: Come Grow With God, possible activities for volunteers to lead might include gardening, music, sustainability, bring a Friend, baking (bread?), painting, etc. Come grow with us! Growing together in our church, in our community, in our faith family.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

_____ I will be a leader for _____ages 3-5 _____ages 6-11

_____ I am available to help another leader

Please circle the date(s) you are available and return this form to the church office or leave in the collection plate on Sunday.

June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
	September 1	September 8	

Summer Music



During the summer months, the various church choirs and music groups take time off. Thus, there is no one scheduled to provide music during worship from June 16 until the 3rd Sunday in September when we officially launch the new church year.

This provides everyone in the congregation a chance to help shape worship for at least one summer Sunday. The music can be instrumental or choral, traditional or something new. It's a chance to show how a different style of music might support the worship experience.

Fill in the form below and drop it off in the collection plate or the church office, or see the sign up sheet in the church office. Or you may call Karin to add your name to the list at 823-2484.



Yes! I want to provide special music one Sunday during the summer!

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please circle the Sunday you would like to reserve:

	June 16	June 23	June 30
	July 7	July 14	July 21
	July 28		
August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
	September 1	September 8	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our Preschool-Second grade classes use the **Godly Play** curriculum. This is a wonderful curriculum that invites children to become aware of the Holy in our daily lives through creative story-telling of the Bible stories. Our children will be grouped together in three classes; Preschool & Kindergarteners, First & Second graders, Third, Fourth & Fifth graders. Each class will have teachers and helpers. Below is the May schedule:



Preschool & Kindergarten (Room 5)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
May 5	Communion Sunday – children stay in worship	
May 12	Knowing Jesus in a New Way!	Krsiten DelMonte
May 19	Pentecost	Kristen DelMonte
May 26	Last Sunday of Sunday School	
June 2	Christian Education Sunday	

First & Second Grade (Room 6)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
May 5	Communion Sunday – children stay in worship	
May 12	Paul's Discovery	Kathy Matthies
May 19	Pentecost	Kristen DelMonte
May 26	The Holy Trinity	
June 2	Christian Education Sunday	

3rd-5th Grade (Room 4)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
May 5	Communion Sunday – children stay in worship	
May 12	Acts 16:9-15	Suzanne Gordon
May 19	Acts 16:16-34	Laura Steyn
May 26	Acts 2:1-21	Suzanne Gordon
June 2	Christian Education Sunday	



Northern California
Nevada Conference
United Church of Christ

Summer Camps 2013

At Camp Cazadero

You & Me Camp (ENTERING GRADES K-3) **Aug 16-18**

A great experience for first-time campers! Go to camp with a parent, grandparent, favorite aunt/uncle or other adult! Each adult may bring up to 3 children, entering grades K through 3. Each child may bring up to 2 adults. Check out registration and special pricing at www.ncncucc.org

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 3-6) **July 21-27**

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 6-9) **July 28- Aug 3**

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) **July 14-20**

At Camp Tamarack

Junior & Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 4-8) **July 21- 27**

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) **July 28-Aug 3**

Check www.ncncucc.org for more information and to download registration and health forms.

Sign up to work our Apple Pies Event (August 9-10-11) and you can earn a scholarship for up to \$150 off the price of your camp registration. Sign up before the early bird deadline and you will save even more! Contact the church office – 823-2484 or by email: office@uccseb.org to sign up for an Apple Pies Camp Scholarship.

Community Church of Sebastopol's FAMILY CAMP:

August 30-September 1, 2013

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on all the fun!
Family Camp registration form is enclosed in this newsletter

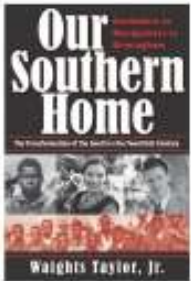
Waights Taylor, Jr.

May 14 at 7 pm
Our Southern Home,

The Transformation of the South in the Twentieth Century

They say that only a Southerner can be trusted to write about the South. Waights Taylor, Jr., a local writer, born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, will speak in the Chapel at Community Church of Sebastopol on Tuesday evening, May 14 at 7 pm.

The author has recently published a well-researched book, "Our Southern Home, The Transformation of the South in the Twentieth Century." The book has been described by one reviewer as a mix of "memoir, journalism and history."



Waights Taylor Jr. will guide us through the historic events of the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama, from Scottsboro to Montgomery to Birmingham. With great skill he weaves together the stories of his father, Waights Taylor Sr., and his father's contemporaries, Rosa Parks and Clarence Norris, who was one of the Scottsboro Boys. These three interlocking stories are woven together in a riveting narrative, well told. Nelson Mandela makes a cameo appearance, one you will never forget.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the 2013 Community Church Mission Trip June 16-22 to Indiana to help rebuild from tornado damage last spring.

In Search of Graduates...

Do you have a new graduate in your family or someone who will be graduating soon? High school, college, and advanced degrees – we want to list them all right here in our newsletter. Please call the office at 823-2484 to list your graduate in our June Newsletter or send an email to office@uccseb.org.



May Birthdays

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| 1 Priscilla Best | 14 Eva Stevens |
| Becky Nelson | 15 Mike Moore |
| Chris Junge | Debbie Santos |
| Noah Yaylian | 16 William Stoll |
| 2 Natalie Belew | Chris Castillo |
| Debby McLeod | Gretchen Erdmann |
| 3 Eddie Ahvenainen | 17 Janet Minton |
| Lisa Gonzalez | Benjamin Nelson Sumrall |
| 4 Dave Bell | Marilyn Lerum |
| Russell Albin | 18 Andrea Furber Card |
| 5 Genia Thorhaug | 19 Morgan Thomas |
| 6 Danielle Berndt | 20 Marc Felton |
| Paige Braddock | Theo Davidson |
| 7 Rosemary Manchester | 21 Barbara Deedler |
| 8 Jackie Harris | Maryssa Lovejoy |
| John Simmons | 22 Gail Nurmi |
| Allen Sherman | Megan Ford |
| 9 Alyssa Buswell | Valerie Minton |
| 10 Judy Peterson | Eric Nurmi |
| Lisa Dawson | Heather Davis |
| Emilie Jame | 24 Jeff Kalemba |
| Amanda Bachelor | 26 Babetta Wilson |
| 11 Muriel Weaver | 27 Sonya Krauther |
| Dale Dougherty | 28 Bill Phillips |
| 12 Prue Manley | 29 Nathan Foster |
| Marilyn McHugh | Kristen McKoin |
| Richard Wood | Celia Cummings |
| Preston Paull | 31 Mary Coleman |
| 13 Mark Albin | Corrine Ford |
| Bill Stillman | |



Women's Fellowship

May 2 & Workshop

On Thursday, May 2, at 10 AM Women's Fellowship will meet in Fellowship Hall to make preparations for the Spring Boutique to be held after church on May 5. Bring a bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

May 16 & Meetings

The Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office. The General Meeting is at 10:30 AM for Devotionals and Business Meeting in the Pilgrim Center Chapel with a program presentation to be announced. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

May 23 & Circles

The Women's Fellowship Circles will meet on May 23, times and locations to be announced. .

Women's Fellowship Spring Boutique May 5



Join us immediately following worship on May 5 to shop for handcrafted items - doll clothes, knitted scarves, jams and jellies, baked goods and so much more at the Women's Fellowship Spring Boutique in Fellowship Hall.

Come shop for treasures at the Women's Fellowship Spring Boutique on May 5 and help support Women's Fellowship as they support numerous outreach projects.

The Community Church and Copperfield's Books present
Grandmother Power: A Global Phenomenon
KEYNOTE SLIDE PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING
with Paola Gianturco

MAY 18 • 7 PM • AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Today's grandmothers—younger, healthier, better educated, and better off than grandmothers have ever been—have launched a new international grandmother's movement. If you are a grandmother, have a grandmother, know a grandmother or are interested in international women's issues, this book will inspire you!

For the past 16 years Paola has worked as a photojournalist, documenting women's lives in 55 countries. Her 5th book, *Grandmother Power: A Global Phenomenon*, reveals a new international grandmother activist movement featuring 120 grandmothers in 15 countries on five continents. These grandmothers are fighting courageously and effectively against poverty, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and human rights abuse to create a better world for grandchildren everywhere.



Author Paola Gianturco is giving 100% of her author royalties from this book to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which benefits grandmothers raising AIDS orphans in 15 African countries.

Join us on May 18 at 7 pm in the Pilgrim Center Chapel at the Community Church for this inspiring event. A free will offering will be taken for the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Books will be available for purchase from the author.

Grandmother Power: A Global Phenomenon
KEYNOTE SLIDE PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING
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MAY 18 • 7 PM • AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

MADD

Music Art Dance Discovery



Vacation Bible Camp

Come Grow with God!

June 17-21
from 9 am to
12:30 pm
for ages 3-10

Sponsored by the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups at the
Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC

Early bird registration before June 5 -\$115 per child

After June 5, \$125 per child or \$25 per day.

Ask about our sibling discount & scholarship information.
(No before or after care available.)

Registration forms available in the church office or
www.uccseb.org.

Come and join us for a week of learning about God's love
through music, art, dance and discovery. Come grow with God!
June 17 through June 21. 9:00-12:30 every day!

- ★ Dress up days
- ★ Dancing
- ★ Singing,
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Fun science discoveries

And on Friday, a fun MADD Camp presentation for the whole
family to enjoy. Call the Community Church at 823-2484 or
office@uccseb.org with questions.

MADD CAMP
MUSIC ART DANCE & DISCOVERY
Vacation Bible Camp
JUNE 17-21

WANTED: MADD CAMP COUNSELORS

All youth (entering 6th -12th grade) are invited to become a MADD
Camp Counselor. MADD Camp is June 17-21 from 9-12:30.
Counselors will need to be at MADD Camp from 8:15 am to -
1pm every day. Find out more at an informational meeting on
Wednesday, May 15 from 7-8pm, in the Youth Lounge.
Questions? Contact Kristen at 823-2484 or by email:
KristenDelMonte@uccseb.org.

Adults are also needed to help with snacks each day and to
help supervise other areas during the MADD Camp week. Give
Kristen a call if you can help.

LISTENING PROJECT

Watch next month's newsletter for a report on our church-wide
listening process. The Parish Listeners have been meeting with
groups and individuals to hear what you have to say. Stay
tuned for a full report.

WHAT IS MISSION 4/1 EARTH?

Mission 4/1 Earth is ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared
resurrection witness for Planet Earth during 50 great days
powering down, greening up and shouting out for the
environment!

Launched on Easter Monday, April 1, 2013, and continuing
through Pentecost, May 19, the UCC will offer 1 million hours of
caring for the earth, plant more than 100,000 trees and send
more than 100,000 advocacy letters on environmental concerns.

Plant a tree – write a letter – improve your recycling – or clean
up a park – find out how you can help Mission 4/1 Earth at
<http://www.ucc.org/earth/participate.html>.



July 7

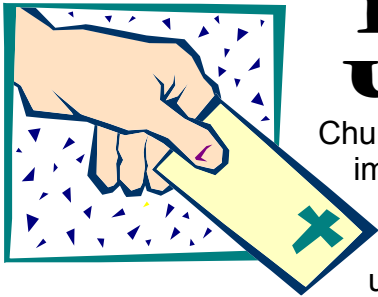
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC



Come join the fun on July 7 for our annual Church Picnic – great BBQ, home made ice cream and the Community Band all on a special day right here at the Community Church. You don't want to miss out, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us on July 7, right after worship.

We are going to enjoy our new courtyard – eat inside or out! How about we get some fun games for the crowd to enjoy?

Would you like to give a hand with the picnic? Give the church office a call at 823-2484. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Church finances showed a significant improvement in the month of March.

Operating income exceeded expenses by \$7700. This still left us with a year to date deficit of a little

over \$7000, but at least we were moving in the right direction! Pledge income improved, but still lagged behind our year to date projections, but plate income was quite strong, exceeding projections. Operating expenses for the first quarter of the year were \$1300 over projections, so our spending is quite close to what we expected.

And there was positive news concerning 2014 pledges. At our Annual Meeting, we voted an ambitious pledge goal of \$271,000. We have now exceeded that goal, with our pledge total standing at \$271,425! Of course, new pledges are always welcome...and needed. Thank you all for your ongoing faithfulness and commitment.

Thank You

★Thanks to all our Holy Week and Easter participants who helped make each service special and especially to those who provided our music – wonderful job! ★Thank you to Tom Dilley for his work in coordinating the Rebuilding Together project. ★And thanks also to our lunch helpers Ellen Stillman, Mary Coleman and Janet Minton. ★Thanks to Tom Dilley for overseeing the repair of the blinds in Memorial Hall and replacement of lights. ★Thanks to Bob Holland for the beautiful roses and for his work in repairing the church irrigation system. ★And thanks to Marc Felton for also helping with irrigation repairs. ★Thank you to Barbara Wilson for the lovely donation of potted plants from our Earth Day Sunday and to Barbara Whitson for adding them to our courtyard. ★Thanks to Edwin Wilson, John Henel, Kathy Matthies, Gail Thomas, Keith Blackstone, Karin Seder, Linda Roa, Darryl Fenley, Paula Matzinger and Dave Peterson for helping to make the Chamber of Commerce mixer at our church a great success. ★Thank you to John Henel, Steve Bradley and Chris Wagner for completing the wireless hook-ups in the Pilgrim Center Media Room and Memorial Hall. ★Thank you to Marie Cotton for acting as Wedding Hostess for our first wedding in the new chapel – a very special event! ★Thank you to our towel washers – Norma Watson, Joyce Cox, Elyse Mengle, Mary McMillon and Joanne Matson.

Passages

Baptism

On Sunday, April 28, Henry August Knuth received the sacrament of Christian baptism, officiated by Rev. Nelson. Parents are Nathan and Rachel Knuth. We rejoice with this family as Henry begins his walk in the Christian faith.

CHANGES ON THE HORIZON

Below is a copy of a letter sent to the congregation on April 29.

Dear Friends in Christ:

It's an old cartoon, depicting the day Adam and Eve are driven from the Garden of Eden. As they are leaving, he turns to her and says, "My Dear, we live in a time of transition." Well, the same thing can be said about our church. We are about to enter into a time of transition.

The Rev. Kristen DelMonte has recently been accepted into the teaching credential program at Sonoma State. She will begin classes in the Fall of this year. While we are very pleased for her and excited with her as she begins this new phase of her life, it means that for our church significant changes are coming. Beginning in September, Kristen will reduce her workload at the church to 15 hours a week. Details are still being worked out with the pastoral relations and personnel committees, but the plan is that she will continue her work with the church school and youth groups and will be at the church on Wednesdays and Sundays. The plan is not to add any additional staff at this time, but to use the Fall as a time to evaluate our staff needs.

In the new year, 2014, Kristen will begin her student teaching and may have to reduce her time with us even more. At this time we may need to look into adding at least some part time staff. And when the school year, 2013-14 is over, she will leave her position at the church in order to pursue a teaching career. So certainly by summer, 2014, we will need to be in a position to make decisions concerning our long term staff needs.

We enter into a significant time of discernment and strategic planning. Everyone's input will be important. And may God continue to richly bless us during this next phase of our shared journey.

Faithfully,

Rev. Eugene N. Nelson, Jr.



A SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED

Participating in our Parish Care group offers each of us a way to give a gift to our church community by helping those who need a helping hand. Volunteers are comprised of members and friends of the Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC.

The main emphasis of Parish Care services are:

Visiting Home visits for those who cannot attend church services
Transportation to church services and events, medical appointments, grocery shopping

Food, dinners following a hospital stay, or if ill at home, food shopping for the individual

Miscellaneous simple cell phone, computer help, pet help or ?

More Helping Hands – you can also add your name to a list of persons in our church family who are willing to offer services for hire: handyman, gardening, house cleaning, house painting, window washing, house sitting, etc. Contact Barbara Whitson to add your name to our Helping Hand: Services for Hire, at (707) 322-2012.

If you are in need of help or know some one who is, or would like to become a Parish Care volunteer, please contact Barbara Whitson at (707) 322-2012 or the church office at 823-2484.

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

To receive the newsletter online, visit www.uccseb.org, go to 'News & Events' and select 'Newsletters.' Right there you have the opportunity to read the newsletter online and **GO GREEN** and sign up for the online newsletter. Save paper, save postage and save money!

Do you have ideas or comments about our website – we'd love to hear from you. You can respond via the website on our 'Contacts' page or on the phone at 823-2484 or in person.

The website has been a work in progress for a long while – it's finally here and we are very excited. Hope you are too!

Sr. High Youth News April 2013

Senior High School PF Grades 9-12

May 5 6:30- 8 PM

Meet in the Youth Lounge – you know we have something fun in store! Bring a friend.

May 12 Mother's Day No Meeting

I  Mom

**May 19 6:30-8 PM
Dinner & Year-end Party!**

This is the final Sr. High Youth Group Meeting for our church year... meet in the Youth Lounge to share good food and fun times!



Jr. High Youth News April 2013

Jr. High PF Grades 6th-8th

May 5 4:30-6 PM

Meet in the Youth Lounge. Bring a friend and come see what we have planned! .

**My 12 Mother's Day
No Meeting**



May 19 4:30- 6 PM

Mini Mission Trip Meeting for you and a parent. Come find out all the details – where are we going? When? What are we planning to do?? Meet in the Youth Lounge

**My 24-26 Mini Mission Trip
We set off for Santa Cruse!**

June 2: Youth Sunday
Meet at church at 10 am as we help lead the worship service today – usher, greet and share stories from our Mini Mission Trip!



Women's Retreat Registration Form

July 19, 20, 21, 2013

SCHOLARSHIPS: Funds are available for ANYONE (you don't have to be part of the church family) who wishes to attend. Fundraisers are held and donations made for this specific purpose so, please, do not stay home due to financial considerations. We want every woman to have the chance to experience a retreat. You may pay it back at some future time if you so desire, however, just know this is OUR GIFT TO YOU. Scholarship information is kept confidential. Contact Nancy Shimetz (see committee list).

Registration:

___ Enclosed is the registration fee of \$___
___ Enclosed is \$___ plus \$___ for the scholarship fund
___ Enclosed is a deposit of \$___ (no less than \$50, please).

NOTE: The remaining balance to be paid no later than July 14th.

Name _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Any special needs: _____

Carpool: I am interested in carpooling: Yes No

Driving: I will be driving my car and have room for ___ more people.

Passenger: I already have a ride with _____

Lodging: ___ I need to be in the building, rather than a cabin.
(for those whom walking outside at night may be a problem)

Checks are made payable to **The Community Church** with a notation in the memo line: Women's Retreat.

Please return this form with your deposit to:

Nancy Shimetz, 7469 Fir Crest Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472
OR, drop in the collection plate, OR, leave at the church office.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE DIVINE

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH – SUNDAY, JULY 21

St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Duncans Mills

In her book, "Help, Thanks, Wow", author Anne Lamott describes prayer as "communication from one's heart to God." But how, exactly, do we communicate? Have you ever started to pray only to realize that you're thinking about paying the bills? Do you ever fumble for the right words to say to God, and then deem the effort hopeless? Does prayer feel like a joy or an obligation to add to your already busy calendar?

During our weekend together, we will investigate the many different ways we might communicate with the divine, sharing both the joys and the struggles of finding space in our lives to spend time with God.

FACILITATOR: *Rev. Bethany Nelson* is currently the Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Having worked in ministry for the last 15 years, she has led a variety of classes, retreats, and workshops for both youth and adults.

WELCOME: We welcome all women to this retreat—members and friends of our church family and their friends and families—and look forward to spending a wonderful weekend with you. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

FEE: Your fee for the weekend is **\$190, non-refundable after July 1**. The actual cost per person is \$280 per person. Scholarships are available – contact Nancy Shimetz.

FACILITY: We have exclusive use of the facility, located on the Russian River, within walking distance to Duncans Mills. There are cabins with two beds per room and enough cabins that you can choose to be alone or have a roommate. Bathrooms are separate from the cabins. There is one building with several rooms and a bathroom with showers. This will be for those of you for whom walking any distance at night to the bathroom may be a problem.

Women's Retreat Committee

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MAY 2013

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12 Mother's Day 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry	13	14 7:00 PM Waights Taylor, Jr.: Our Southern Home	15 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM Handbells	16 10:00 AM WF Board 10:30 AM WF Meeting 12:00 PM WF Luncheon 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	17 10:00 AM UkeStars Practice	18 7:00 PM Grandmother Power: A Global Phenomenon
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