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**Family Camp
Registration!**



From the Pastor

I am going to commit a ministerial sin and repeat a story I shared on Easter, a story shared by a pastor: “The week after Easter I was talking with a troubled soul, a member of our church. He asked me, ‘Preacher, do you really think that I can ever get a grip on my addiction to heroin?’ I almost responded, ‘No, almost no one ever gets that monkey completely off his back. I don’t really think you can beat this.’

“But then I remembered that we were in the season immediately after Easter – Eastertide – that time when the church keeps insisting that we tell the story of Christ’s resurrection as our story, as a truthful account of what is really going on in the world. So I responded, ‘You know, if this were just about you or even the two of us working together, the answer is ‘No, you can’t get better.’ Fortunately, in the afterglow of Easter, this is about God, about God’s determination to free you and give you the life God intends for you. Now that Jesus is risen, there is always hope for us.”

The crowds are gone, the magnificent notes of the “Hallelujah Chorus” have faded away, even the lily blossoms are starting to turn brown. Yes, Easter must be over. Now what do we do? Interestingly, the Gospel of John tells us that after that first Easter Sunday, Peter and a few of the other disciples went fishing. (I always liked Peter!) “Well, Easter was wonderful to be sure, but now it’s over and you can’t squeeze a lifetime out of one moment, so I think I’ll go fishing.”

But then who do they meet, there on the beach, cooking breakfast for them? Yes, their risen Lord. And what does he say to them? “Tend my lambs and feed my sheep.” It is time to turn the enthusiasm and hope of Easter into concrete acts of caring, peacemaking and grace. That is both the great problem and great hope of Easter. We enjoy the celebration but then would kind of like to return to the same old world. But guess what? The old has passed away, the new has come, and we have holy work to do – work worth living and dying for.

Gene

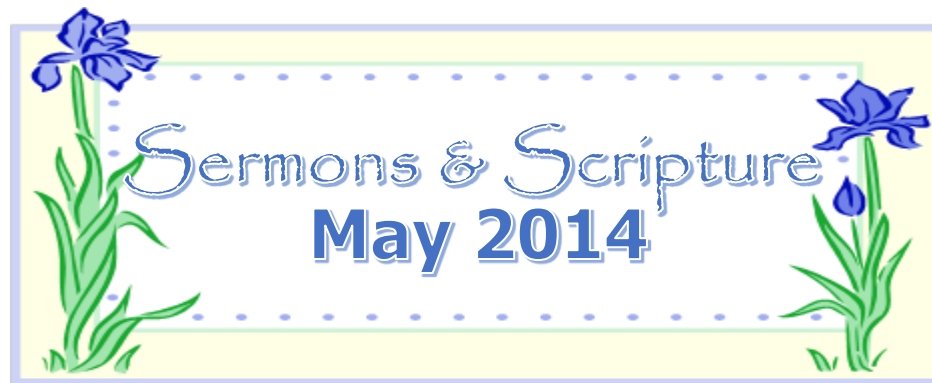
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Join Grief Counselors Harry & Susanna Simms 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. Please call Harry or Susanna at 829-7769 if you have any questions. The group not meet the first 2 Thursdays in June, but will meet the following Thursdays at 7PM in the Fireside Room. There is no charge and the group is open to all.

Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU

♦ Thank you to Joanne Matson, Glenda Elvy, Janet Minton and Norma Taddeucci for the extra help in the office – what a treat and greatly appreciated! ♦ Thank you to Bob Holland and Barbara Whitson for keeping our church campus looking wonderful for Easter – and thanks for organizing the garden (work) party on April 5! ♦ Thank you to all the folks who came out to help spread the mulch in our gardens in preparation for a dry summer. ♦ Thank you to Joanne Feige and nephews for delivering all the mulch. ♦ Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for preparing a Second Saturday meal. ♦ Thank you to Norma Watson for washing the shower towels each week and to Barbara Wilson for pitching in when Norma is away. ♦ Thank you to Dorothy McKoin and Josephine Weigel for coordinating our Lenten Soup Suppers and to all of our soup makers – yum! ♦ Thank you to Teresa and Marquesa Weigel for your help in setting up and to Ethan DelMonte our dishwasher. ♦ Thanks also to John Simmons, Dorothy McKoin, Kay Warren, Heather Manchester and Paula Pearce for sharing your faith journey with us. ♦ Thank you to Elyse Mengle, Daphne Cripps, Mary McMillon, Barbara Wilson and Glenda Elvy for organizing and hosting two memorial receptions in recent weeks. Your efforts are so important to families in their time of need. ♦ Thank you to Jeff Pearce and Ernie Erler for getting our Easter Lilies and setting them up in the sanctuary and to all of you who helped deliver the lilies to our church families who were not able to be with us on Easter. ♦ 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! ♦



May 4

Rev. Brian Plaughter will be our guest preacher this Communion Sunday.

May 11

FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

JESUS' FAMILY

With opposition building on all sides, Jesus turns to his family. But just who is his family?

Matthew 12:46-50

Rev. Nelson

JOHN 14: WORDS OF COMFORT AND HOPE

May 18

THE UNTROUBLED HEART

The disciples ask "How can we know the way?" It is a question many of us have asked...more than once. In response, Jesus offers more than a roadmap.

John 14: 1-14

Rev. Nelson

May 25

THE GIFT OF PEACE

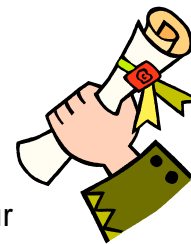
Jesus offers the gift of peace, but he seems to have his own understanding of just what this "peace" is.

John 14: 14-27

Rev. Nelson

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 ext. 100 to list your graduate in our June Newsletter or send an email to office@uccseb.org.





Join us for a

Family 50's & 60's Dine & Dance

A Community Dine & Dance for All Ages

Saturday, May 17th 5-10pm

(doors open at 4:30)

**Community Church of Sebastopol Memorial Hall
1000 Gravenstein Hwy North in Sebastopol**

All You Can Eat at our Burger "Diner"
plus Dogs • Chili • Chicken • Fries • Slaw • Soda Fountain
Wine & Beer available for purchase*

**Dancing to the Oldies • Games • Dance Contest
Silent & Live Auction • Classic Cars**

Pre Sale Tickets: \$25.00 Adults • \$12.00 Child (5-12 yrs.)

For tickets & information 823-2484 ext.100 or:

office@uccseb.org

www.uccseb.org

***over 21, of course! All proceeds to benefit the kitchen update.**



**Tickets at the door will cost you more:
\$30 Adults • \$15 Child (5-12 yrs)**

Between Women

DECMGGU MOLLGU
Intergenerational Gathering

Saturday, May 10, 2014

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM
Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, May 10, in Faith Chapel with a continental breakfast in the Media Room.

.Come and be a part of a network, •supporting •educating,
•expanding •connecting, individually along with a larger
community of wise, wonderful women in a safe and
compassionate environment.

For more information, contact Marie Cotton at 393-7573.
Our theme will be Faith in Transition.

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.

WANTED: MADD CAMP COUNSELORS

All youth (entering 6th -12th grade) are invited to become a MADD Camp Counselor. MADD Camp is June 16-20 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 14 from 7-8pm, in the Youth Lounge. Questions? Contact Rachel at 823-2484 ext 104 or by email: MotherSuperior6@gmail.com.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class continues meeting in May. The group will have an overnight retreat with Rachel and Gene at Camp Cazadero May 16 & 17. Please turn in your faith statement to Rachel by May 25. June 8 is Confirmation Sunday.



WOMEN'S Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet in May on Wednesday, May 7, 14, 21 and May 28 the Fireside Room at 10 AM. All women are invited to join the group and spend time exploring the Bible. Questions? Contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) are invited to choir practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room. The children will practice on May 4, 11, 18, May 25 and June 1. The Children's Choir will sing during worship on May 11 and June 1. Questions? Contact Sara at sara.margulis@gmail.com or by phone at 707-291-2741.



REV. NELSON TO ATTEND PREACHING CONFERENCE

From Monday, April 28th through Sunday, May 4th, Rev Nelson will be attending the Preaching Northwest conference in Seattle. He will also spend a little time in Portland visiting his daughter, Becky.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Terry Beck (829-0314), Meg Brown (889-1879), Mary Coleman (861-9444) and Bob Holland (823-6899) are the Members-at-Large to the Church Council for this year. If you have any issues you would like brought to the Council's attention, one of the Members-at-Large will be able to help you out.



Northern California Nevada Conference
United Church of Christ

Summer Camps 2014

At Camp Cazadero

You & Me Camp (ENTERING GRADES K-3) July 11-13

You & Me Camp is 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.ncnuc.org

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 3-6) July 20-26

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 6-9) July 27- Aug 2

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 13-19

Counselor in Training (GRADE 12+) July 19-26

At Camp Tamarack

Junior/Jr.High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 5-8) July 20-26

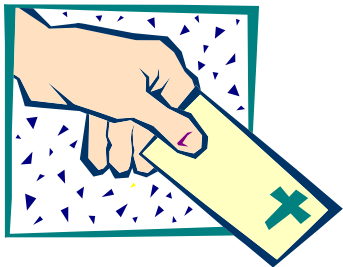
Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 27-Aug 2

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

Apple Pie Scholarships for Camp!

Call the church office to sign up for Apple Pies (August 7-10) and earn up to a \$140 Camp Scholarship. 823-2484 ext. 100

MADD Camp for ages 3-10 here at the Community Church June 16-20. Registration forms now in the church office or online at <http://www.uccseb.org/Youth.php>



FINANCIAL UPDATE

The month of March proved to be a good one when it comes to church finances. Operating receipts exceeded expenses by \$3500. This still left us with an operating deficit of \$4200, but at least we are trending in a positive direction. Pledge receipts remained strong, ahead of projections by \$2000, Plate receipts also improved, but are still almost \$5000 below our three month projections. Facility use receipts were also strong. On the expense side, we finished the month about \$3300 under projections. All in all, a good month financially. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Quasquicentennial Thank You's

☺ Thank you to everyone who helped with the Apple Blossom parade! ☺ Thank you to Marie Cotton for building the awesome Ark. ☺ Thank you to Tom Dilly pulling the band wagon and to Joanne Feige for driving her truck and pulling the Ark. ☺ Thank you to Jazz Band members: Morris Acevedo, Andy DelMonte, Darryl Fenley, Bernie Hovden, Jim Jenkins, Greg Jilka and Brian Plaugher. ☺ Thank you to Andy DelMonte and friends for loading the piano. ☺ Thank you to Joyce Cox, Jane Huneke and Dorothy McKoin for painting signs. ☺ Thanks to Judy Peterson and Nancy Shimetz for recruiting parade walkers and to Rachel Knuth for organizing the children/ark animals. ☺ Thank you to "Chairman of the Board" Steve Beck and "Ladies Aid Society" members Chris Jenkins and Bobbie Johanson for carrying our church banner down Main Street. ☺ Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our floats and walked in the parade. ☺ It was truly a joint effort and we couldn't have done it without you! ☺

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

To receive the monthly newsletter online, visit <http://www.uccseb.org/Newsletters.php>. **Go Green** and sign up for the online newsletter. Save paper, save postage and save money!

Women's Fellowship

May 1 The Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office. The general meeting will convene at 10:30 AM in the Fireside Room followed by a Potluck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall at noon.

May 15 The Circles will meet on May 15, times and locations to be announced.



**MISSION &
OUTREACH**

The Mission & Outreach New Jersey work group is having a Yard Sale in the church parking lot on Danmar on Saturday, May 3 from 8 am to 2 pm.

- It's time for Spring Cleaning! We are looking for good stuff to sell and we can pick up larger items from your home, if needed. Items must be in good condition (we cannot take mattresses)
- Please drop off items on Friday, May 2, between 3:00 and 7:00 pm at the Danmar parking lot.
- We also need customers on Saturday, May 3! Come and check out our bargains at the yard sale between 8 and 2.
- You will also find some of our participants offering handcrafted items for sale after church on Sundays. Look for crocheted hats, handmade crosses and more.



We really appreciate your support for our trip to New Jersey to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Music Art Dance Discovery
MADD
 Vacation Bible Camp
 Over the Rainbow!

June 16-20 from 9 am to 12:30 pm for ages

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.

Join us for a week of learning about God's love through music,
 art, dance and discovery. Come **Over the Rainbow** with us
 June 16 through June 20. 9:00-12:30 every day!

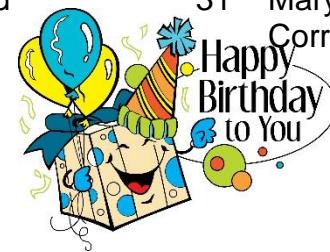
- ★ Dress up days
- ★ Dancing
- ★ Singing,
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Fun science discoveries

And on Friday, a fun MADD Camp presentation for the whole
 family to enjoy. Call the Community Church at 823-2484 ext. 100
 or office@uccseb.org with questions.

MADD CAMP
MUSIC ART DANCE & DISCOVERY
 Vacation Bible Camp
 JUNE 16-20



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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Priscilla Best | 13 Mark Albin |
| Becky Nelson | Bill Stillman |
| Chris Junge | 14 Eva Stevens |
| Noah Yaylian | 15 Mike Moore |
| 2 Natalie Belew | Debbie Santos |
| Debby McLeod | 16 William Stoll |
| 3 Eddie Ahvenainen | Chris Castillo |
| Lisa Gonzalez | 17 Janet Minton |
| 4 Dave Bell | Benjamin Nelson Sumrall |
| Lily McClendon | 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 John Simmons | Maryssa Lovejoy |
| Allen Sherman | 22 Megan Ford |
| 9 Alyssa Buswell | Valerie Minton |
| 10 Judy Peterson | Heather Davis |
| Lisa Dawson | 24 Jeff Kalemba |
| Emilie Jame | 26 Babetta Wilson |
| Amanda Bachelor | 27 Sonya Krautner |
| 11 Muriel Weaver | 28 Bill Phillips |
| Dale Dougherty | 29 Nathan Foster |
| 12 Prue Manley | Kristen McKoin |
| Marilyn McHugh | Celia Cummings |
| Richard Wood | 31 Mary Coleman |
| Preston Paull | Corrine Ford |



Passages

Births

Nancy and Dale Dougherty became grandparents on March 1. Henry David Kunde was born in Santa Rosa to first-time parents Katie and Ryan Kunde. Henry weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and measured 21 ½ inches long. Everyone is home and doing well. Nancy wanted to thank everyone for the warm welcome of their new grandson.



Zöe Ann Dillard was born to first-time parents Karna Roa and Chris Dillard on March 31 in Oakland. Zöe weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and measured 20 inches long. Karna is our Handbell Choir Director and proud grandparents are Linda and Hal Roa.

Blessings and congratulations to all!

Baptism

On April 27th, Adam James (AJ) Felciano, son of Bret and Laurie Felciano was baptized during the worship service. Our prayers are with him and his family as he begins his walk in the Christian faith and our church fellowship.

Installation

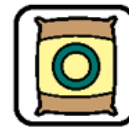
On Sunday, April 27th, Bethany Nelson was installed as the new Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon. Rev. Gene Nelson participated in the service.

Death

A memorial service for long time church member, Florence Woods, was held in Faith Chapel on Saturday, April 19, Rev. Nelson officiated. She would have been 96 on April 20th. Florence volunteered for many years as a Pink Lady at Palm Drive Hospital and was a member of the Community Church for more than 40 years. Our prayers are with all her family and friends.

New Address

Jerry & Kay Warren have a new address and phone number:
9273 Oak Trail Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95409
(707) 800-7320.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach will meet at 7 pm in the Fireside Room on Monday, May 19.

BROWN BAG LUNCHES



Thank you to Kay Warren who so faithfully made bag lunches for the homeless on the 1st Friday of each month for the past two years. Since Kay is moving to Santa Rosa, we need a new volunteer who is able to make and deliver 5 bag lunches on the 1st Friday of the month. Please contact Chris Jenkins at 829-2230 or ijen507103@aol.com if you can help with this important outreach.

HUMAN RACE MAY 10

Help support the Children's Village with your participation in the Human Race on May 10. Run, walk or sponsor folks from Mission & Outreach – watch for sponsor sheets and Human Race registration forms are in the church office and look for members of Mission & Outreach at the sign up tables after worship



SECOND SATURDAY TABLE

On the second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Fellowship 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, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.
- ❖ Men's walking/athletic shoes or boots
- ❖ Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs
- ❖ Disposable razors and shaving cream

Most 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 can be left in the church office. For information or to volunteer, contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249 or the church office at 823-2484.

ADULT WORK GROUP TO NEW JERSEY

Look for the Mission Trip group at the Garage Sale on May 3 in the Danmar parking lot to raise funds to help off-set expenses for the work group traveling to New Jersey.

Moderator's Musings....

Kudos to Chris and her committee that planned our participation in the Apple Blossom Parade. Marie Cotton did a fabulous job creating the ark with props provided by Mat Keller and Gail Thomas and Kathy hunting down decorations for the vehicles. We must find other opportunities to display the parade ark! Bobbie, Chris and Steve all looked stunning in their period attire. Thank you to Rachel and Karin for designing and producing the postcards describing our church; to Joyce and Dorothy for the sign boards; to all those who wore the sign boards and passed out the postcards. Thank you to Joanne and Tom for driving our two floats; to the Dixieland jazz band who put a bounce and a wiggle in our step walking down Main Street, and to Andy and his students who helped get the piano on the truck. Thank you to Dakota, Casey, Amanda, Emma, Libby, Benjamin, Olivia, Tamar and Will representing the youth of our church. If I forgot someone, I'm sorry. It took all of us to pull this off.

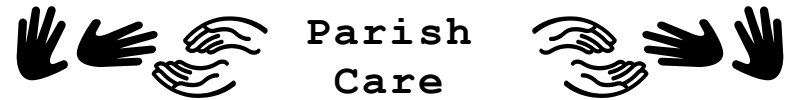
It was wonderful to hear non-members clapping for us when we were announced. And the adults who reached out their hands to receive our postcards gave me the sense that they were really interested in learning more about us.

One of our goals during this 125th anniversary year is to make our presence better known in the community- our doors are open. Now we all have a responsibility to extend that welcome. If you see someone at church you don't know – go over and talk with them and introduce them to others. We know we have a great church – let's prove it. It takes ALL of us to extend the welcome.

- Jane Huneke

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Our San Francisco Giants are a hot item and we have 49 tickets for Saturday, July 12, against the Arizona Diamondbacks. 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 sign up in the church office or call 823-2484 ext. 100. Ticket price for the game and bus: \$75.



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.

If you are in need of help or know someone 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.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS CONTINUES

Please join us Sundays at 9:30 in the Fireside Room for coffee and to discuss the scripture chosen for the sermon. We will begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. We will read the passage, discuss it, and then listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight and hear what the pastor has to say. You don't need to be a Bible scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time.

Baked Goods for Sunday Coffee Hour

We need to stock up with goodies to share during our Coffee Hour! If you have cookies, cake or some kind of treat we can serve after church, please bring it by the church wrapped for the freezer and we can save it for next Sunday. Thanks!



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



Every non-communion 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 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
July 13	July 20	July 27	
August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31



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 15 until September 7 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 ext 100.



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 15	June 22	June 29
	July 6	July 13	July 20
	July 27		
August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24
			August 31

Youth News May 2014

Jr. High

Remember Jr. High Youth Group (grades 6-8) starts at 4:30, but you can get to the Youth Lounge as early as 4 PM for some extra time with Kristen and your friends!

May 4 Regular Meeting

Join us in the Youth Lounge!

May 11 No Youth Group today – it's Mother's Day!

May 18 Mini Mission Trip Prep Meeting – come find out everything you need to know to get ready for our Mini Mission Trip!

May 23-25 Mini Mission Trip –



Sr. High

Remember Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12) starts at 6:30, but you can get to the Youth Lounge as early as 6 PM for some extra time with Kristen and your friends!

May 4 Regular Meeting

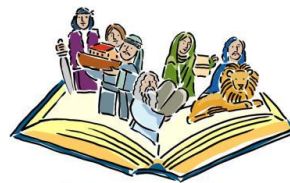
Join us in the Youth Lounge. Final mission trip \$\$ due.

May 11 No Youth Group today – it's Mother's Day!

May 18 Sr. High Celebration - our last official meeting – but we will meet a few times in June for Mission Trip planning

May 25 No Youth Group Meeting

And in June – don't forget our Sr. High Youth Mission Trip & the Western Regional Youth Event!!



Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

On May 11, Rachel Knuth will have all the classes together for a special Mother's Day lesson. Our Sunday school year will conclude on May 25 and we begin our Summer Interest Centers in June!

Children Ages 3-5 (Room #5)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
May 4	Communion – children in church with their families	
May 11	Mother's Day	Rachel Knuth
May 18	Knowing Jesus in a New Way	Dorothy McKoin
May 25	Knowing Jesus in a New Way	Dorothy McKoin

Children Ages 6-7 (Room #6)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
May 4	Communion – children in church with their families	
May 11	Mother's Day	Rachel Knuth
May 18	Paul's Discovery	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
May 25	The Holy Trinity	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum

Children Ages 8-11 (Room #4)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
May 4	Communion – children in church with their families	
May 11	Mother's Day	Rachel Knuth
May 18	A Joyful Path	Mary McMillon
May 25	A Joyful Path	Mary McMillon

Apple Pies Event

AUGUST 7-8-9-10, 2014



Mark your calendar for this fun multi-generational event August 7-10 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.

125TH ANNIVERSARY- QUASQUICENTENNIAL 1889-2014

Each month of this 125th Anniversary year, the Quasquicentennial Committee will include some bit of interesting church history in the monthly newsletters. This month we have notes from the first full-time minister, the Rev. C.C. Kirtland (1897-1901). The excerpts below are from his diary provided by his daughter, Mrs. Gentry of Monterey Ca.

- **April 8, 1897** - Accepted the call to become pastor of the Congregational Church of Sebastopol. The salary to be \$800.00 per year.
- **May 1, 1897** - Left S.F. 3:30, arrived Sebastopol 6:30. A delegation of 10 or 12 met me at the train. I went to the home of Dr. Hulbert where I am to live.
- **May 2, 1897**- Preached in the morning to a full house. In the evening the house was packed.
- **June 1897-1899** - Records of Pastoral calls, bicycle calls and buying a horse and buggy. Records of daily routine, social affairs, sermons and meetings. One or two references to Church Building Fund.
- **May 2, 1900** - Drove to Santa Rosa. Talked to Mr. Kirby, architect concerning church building.
- **May 6, 1900** - Preached Text Ps. 127:1. It was an anniversary sermon being the beginning of my fourth year as a pastor of the Sebastopol Church. I urged the need of a new church and called a meeting of the Church for next Wednesday night to consider it.
- **May 9, 1900** - After a brief prayer, we turned to the business of church building. The sketch plans which Mr. Kirby had drawn were considered and discussed and changes made. The Church voted to build. Mr. George McFarlane and Mr. Alex Ragle were appointed as a building committee. The outlook seems bright.
- **May 19, 1900** - Received plans and specifications for proposed Church from Mr. Kirby.
- **May 21, 1900** - Paid the tax on our Church lots: \$1.85.

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- **May 23, 1900** - The rough estimate which the architect made on our plans for new church was \$4,000.00. This was far beyond our means, so having conferred with two of our building committee, I went to Santa Rosa and had another conference with the architect. We cut things down considerably and he thinks now he can get it within the limit between \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00.
- **May 31, 1900** - Instructed Mr. Kirby to go ahead and make permanent plans. Arranged to hold Sunday services in Oddfellows Hall while constructing church. Mid-week meetings at different homes.
- **September 23, 1900** - Laid corner stone for our new church in afternoon. In corner stone was placed the minutes of the meetings held in which we voted to build, etc., and the consideration of plans. Also a copy of each of our papers "The Analy Blanchard" and "The Sebastopol Times". Also a copy of the papers made out deeding the lot which is now a part of the extension (sic) of South Main Street which was first purchased by the church and deeded in trust to Mr. E. W. Hayden.
- **February 3, 1901** - Sunday. We held services in our new church for the first time today. Members of the congregation cleaned the whole building, placed the seats and put carpet down.



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

Family Camp

AUGUST 29, 30 & 31, 2014

AT CAMP CAZADERO

Registration forms available in the church office or get yours [here!](#)

Women's Retreat Registration Form

July 18, 19, 20, 2014

Registration - I will attend as follows:

☐ \$235 Full Retreat Fri-Sun with meals
☐ \$470 one single room (queen bed) Full Retreat Fri-Sun w/meals
☐ \$75 Saturday Only indicate which meals you will attend:
☐ Buffet Brkfst 7-8:30 ☐ Buffet Lunch 11:30-1 ☐ Dinner 6pm
\$_____ = Total Registration Fee – Fees are not refundable after June 18

☐ Enclosed is the total registration fee of \$_____
☐ Enclosed is the total fee + to supplement the retreat fund \$_____
☐ Enclosed is a deposit of \$_____ (no less than \$50)

NOTE: The remaining balance to be paid no later than June 18th.

Name _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Any special needs: _____

Carpool: I am interested in carpooling: Yes No
Carpooling will be arranged by Joyce Cox b-j-cox@att.net 829.0750

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

Passenger: I already have a ride with _____

Lodging: Preferred roommate (s) _____

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:

Marge Holland, 8949 Barnett Valley Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472

OR, drop in the collection plate, OR, leave at the church office.

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FAITH IN TRANSITION: A RETREAT FOR ALL WOMEN

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH – SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

MARCONI CONFERENCE CENTER, TOMALES BAY

How can our faith support us as we move through life's transitions? Come explore spiritual methods of healing and transformation to support you on your journey. The weekend begins with Friday dinner and ends after lunch on Sunday. There are a few openings for Saturday only.

The time at retreat is yours to do as you wish. Nothing is mandatory! Sessions are no longer than 1-1/2 to 2 hours, with breaks and lots of interaction with others or alone time. Free time is just that, free. Free to hike, sleep, chat, and there are always table games with lots of fun and laughter.

FACILITATOR: **Rachel Knuth** is our facilitator for the weekend. She has a Master of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary in NYC, and is Approved for Ordination Pending Call in the UCC. She currently serves as the Director of Children's Ministry at our church. Rachel enjoys looking for the sacred in everyday life, participating in worship, and exploring prayer. She is also the mother of four young children.

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.

FACILITY: Marconi Conference Center is a 62-acre State Historic Park located along the east shore of Tomales Bay. Gentle walking paths and footbridges connect the different parts of the property. The accommodations are hotel quality. The rooms are varied: some are double occupancy, some are triple; one is a single room.

FINANCES: The weekend **FEE** of **\$235** per person includes 6 meals, the facilitator and facility. This is a subsidized amount as the actual cost for the weekend is **\$362** per person. If you are able to attend Saturday only, the fee is **\$75**.

SCHOLARSHIPS are available for **ANYONE** (you don't have to be part of the church family) who wishes to attend. Due to rising facility costs, the retreat fund is falling a little short. Scholarships will be limited to a **maximum of \$185**. Payment of your portion can be made monthly so long as it is paid prior to the next retreat. Those who receive a scholarship will be asked to participate in one or more fundraising events. Scholarship information is kept confidential. Contact Nancy Shimetz nshimetz@gmail.com (823.4242 or 707.695.7845 text/voice).

MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Beatles Sunday Event 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 11:45 AM Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	28 	29 10:00 AM Handbell Trio	30 7:00 PM 50-60's Dine & Dance Meeting	1 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Potluck 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	2 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	3  8:00 AM Yard Sale for Adult Mission Trip
← Rev. Nelson attending Preaching Conference →						
4 Communion Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	5 	6 10:00 AM Handbell Trio	7 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	8 6:30 PM Music & Worship Planning 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	9 7:30 AM M&E Meeting 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	10 Human Race - walk/run & support The Children's Village 8:40 AM Between Women 11:30 AM Second Saturday Lunch
11  9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry	12 	13 7:00 PM 125th Anniversary Planning Mtg	14 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Jr. Sr. High Youth MADD Camp Meeting	15 WF Circle Mtgs 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	16 Confirmation Class Retreat at Caz 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	17 Confirmation Class Retreat at Caz 5:30 PM Family 50's & 60's Dine & Dance
18 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	19 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	20 	21 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	22 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	23 Jr. High Youth Mini Mission Trip 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	24 Jr. High Youth Mini Mission Trip
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