

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Dear Community Church of Sebastopol,

As I prepare for my departure, I am going over all of the deeply meaningful and wildly joyful memories I will carry with me from these two years. I will remember watching some of our teens show me their dance routine in the waiting area of the Redwood Empire Food Bank where we were about to help the food bank provide for 82,000 of our neighbors every month. I will remember planning meetings for fundraisers that were more like parties than meetings. I will remember sitting with many of you in my office or in the fireside room, hearing stories of the incredible lives you have led. I will remember the pure bliss of planting peppers and playing in the mud as the warm South Georgia rain fell during our amazing trip to Koinonia Farm. I will remember our Family Camp water balloon fight and a shaving cream fight in the courtyard. I will remember beautiful baptisms and the touching funerals of those who changed our lives and our communities. I will remember you, and your heart for ministry. Thank you for these memories, and so many more. You are in my heart and my prayers. I will leave you with the blessing that our high school youth recite every Sunday as they part...

*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon
your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of
God's hand.*

With Love,

Lydia

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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OCTOBER 2016 WORSHIP

October 2 – World Communion Sunday / Multi-Generational Worship

Today all ages gather for Holy Communion at four stations with breads from around the world. The Children's Choir shares an anthem and Lydia Mulkey preaches on her last Sunday with us before moving to Chicago. Her sermon, "A Reminder to Remember," is based on 2 Timothy 1:1-7.

October 9 – Annual Appeal Kick-Off

New members join our congregation and the Handbell Ensemble shares worship music. Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches a sermon entitled "A Foreigner's Thanks & Praise" on the story of Jesus and the 10 Lepers found in Luke 17:11-19.

October 16 – Children's Sabbath

The Chancel Choir offers worship music and Rev. Rachel Knuth preaches a sermon on Luke 18:1-8 entitled "Ask Boldly, Live Justly."

October 23 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Paula Matzinger and Dave Peterson provide worship music and Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Luke 18:9-17 entitled "Why Do Good?"

October 30 – All Saints' Sunday

In advance of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, an altar table will be set with portraits of loved ones who have died. The Chancel Choir shares an anthem and Rev. Broadbent preaches on Luke 19:1-10 entitled "Four Times as Much."

MULTI-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY seeks new Treasurer to follow our congregation's own Sophie Sherman, who served faithfully for many years. Thank you, Sophie! The pantry, located on the campus of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, provides quality nutritious food to low-income people in Sebastopol. Community Church is a major financial supporter and the Treasurer has historically been a member of our congregation. The Treasurer issues checks that are used to purchase food for the pantry and keeps records of the account balance. The commitment is a one-year renewable term and there are 4 quarterly Board meetings each year. According to Jerry Slaby, Board Chair, "If you can balance your own checkbook, you can serve as Treasurer of the Multi-Church Pantry." If this is a way you feel called to serve your community, contact Rev. Benjamin Broadbent at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

-Kathy Matthies on the birth of her fourth grandchild, Grayson Ryan, born September 20 to parents Brandon and Tarryn Matthies.

-Carole Hudlow on the birth of her first great grandchild, Jackson Terhune Cazares born July 3, 2016 to Daniella Terhune and Luke Cazarea. Grandmother is Jennifer Hudlow Tawzer.

PRAYERS for Glenda Elvy, rehabilitating in Sebastopol at Apple Valley. Glenda welcomes visitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETIN announcements should be sent to office@uccseb.org by noon the Wednesday prior. Thank you!

WEARING NAMETAGS is a way to build community and is a gesture of hospitality to visitors. If you lost your nametag, please contact the church office so we can order you a new one.





Celebrating a

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| 2 | Laura Steyn | 16 | Bob Shimetz |
| 4 | Will Plaughter | | Elyse Mengle |
| | Lynn Deedler | | Guy Smith |
| | Spencer Babcock | | Nicole Porter |
| 6 | Laurie Mitchell | 17 | Greg Bradley |
| | John Wilson | | Brianna Bright |
| | Annie Nelson | 18 | Helen Sokolis |
| 7 | Laura Jame | | Dillon Jackson |
| | Libby Plaughter | 20 | Steve Beck |
| | Bret Felciano | | Kaydin Berndt |
| 8 | Jan Sweeney | | Janice Humphries |
| | Linda Roa | | Ben Rasmus |
| | Lori Blackburn | | Gavin Bright |
| 9 | Chris Evans | 22 | Larry Robert |
| | Linda Mollenahuer-Meyskens | 23 | Lizann Bassham |
| 10 | Benjamin Feige | | Ann Butterfield |
| | Gloria Given | 24 | Emma DelMonte |
| | Dakota Blackstone | | Ella Trevino |
| 11 | William Oakes | | Maryellen Taylor |
| | Linda Inman | 25 | Fran Begun |
| | Cedar Edwards | 26 | Kay Warren |
| 12 | Elaine Bornmann | 28 | Betty Nelson |
| 13 | Suzanne White | | Megan Buckley-Cutting |
| | Gerri Doody | | Henry Feige |
| 14 | Dianne Moore | | Steve Steinberg |
| | | 29 | Shawna Smith |

International Crafts Sale

October 2 & 9 in the Courtyard

Mission & Outreach will present our annual International Craft Sale in the courtyard after church on Sunday, October 2 and also on October 9. Two Sundays to find handcraft items from Third World artisans, distributed by Ten Thousand Villages, for you to purchase. Ten Thousand Villages is an organization of the Mennonite Central Committee that pays artisans a fair market value for their wares that are sold by churches and other non-profit agencies. As a mission project, our Mission & Outreach Committee will sell the craft items and return all of the proceeds to Ten Thousand Villages. Please join us after church on October 2 & 9 to shop for these wonderful items for family friends, and yourself!



MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Irma Bachelor (707-829-5485), Mary Coleman (707-861-9444), Marian McDonald (707-338-5156) and Marna McKenzie (505-660-1725) 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 can help you out. Look for their bright red "Member at Large" name badge on Sunday mornings.



Minister of Music, Brian Plaughter requests that you take a few moments and jot down the titles of your favorite hymns to help with future worship planning. Please leave this in the collection plate or in the church office.

Your Name: _____

Favorite Hymns: _____

Membership with Integrity

By Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Senior Minister

On October 9, we will receive new members into the life of Community Church, and I will be among them. As you may know, in the United Church of Christ, a pastor much be a member of the local church which she or he serves. Hence I will stand with others seeking to affirm their Baptism and join this local church making promises to participate in and support this fellowship of the beloved.

On that day, my kindred new members and I will answer the following, updated versions of questions found in the Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ:

- Do you desire to affirm your baptism and to say, ‘Yes, I want to participate in the faith and family of Jesus Christ?’ *‘I do.’*
- Will you resist the powers of the world which demean people and harm the earth, and do you desire the freedom to be fully yourself in Christ? *“I will and I do, strengthened by your prayers.”*
- Will you strive to deepen your understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? *“I will, relying on the Holy Spirit.”*
- Will you attempt, by the grace of God, to follow in the way of Jesus as his disciple, to resist oppression and violence, to show love and justice, and to embody the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? *“I will, with the help of God.”*
- As a member of the church of Jesus Christ, do you intend to grow in the Christian faith, joining in the dynamic movement of God’s people in this local congregation and as part of the global church by sharing in its joys and sorrows, listening to and learning from people older and younger, and by sharing your own gifts and perspectives so that together we may celebrate Christ’s presence and serve this community and the world in Christ’s name? *“I do, by God’s grace.”*

Membership with Integrity (cont’d)

Further, I will make the promise, along with other new members, to try to live into the following expectations that comprise a “Member in Good Standing” of The Community Church of Sebastopol, also known as “Membership with Integrity”:

1. Attend Sunday services regularly.
2. Deepen spiritually by participating in one church initiative annually.
3. Serve faithfully with/as the church in the wider community.
4. Give generously, reaching a 5-10% charitable giving level ASAP.
5. Aspire to a leadership role in the life of the church.
6. Tell others about the church and why it means so much to you.

Even if you are not joining with us that Sunday, I hope you will commit to these promises along with us so that we might build a community of high expectation, deepened commitment, and palpable joy.

ROSELAND CUP III - OCTOBER 1

Mission & Outreach Committee is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Roseland Cup, an all-day soccer tournament on Saturday, October 1 at Elsie Allen High School.

Like last year, Mission & Outreach will be soliciting volunteers to help during the event and seeking cash donations to help cover event expenses. We have an anonymous donor willing to match up to \$500 of donations received! Look for the Roseland Cup III table in the courtyard after worship in September to pledge your support for this outreach effort.

This special soccer tournament event is designed to strengthen relationships between local youth and law enforcement through sports. Each team will consist of area youth with at least one law enforcement officer – the possibilities for open dialogue and building trust are boundless! Last year, young soccer players learned more about law enforcement and officers were able to schedule ride-along opportunities with the youth, creating the chance for even more dialogue.



The event will include free food, music, and raffle prizes throughout the day, with a grand prize drawing following the final game. Last year our church sponsored teams played in the final game, displaying a high level of skill, and taking home the trophy! Two celebrity soccer players will be on hand again to mingle with the players and guests – ask Suzanne White about the autographed jersey she scored from world cup soccer great Edwin Tenorio!

South West Santa Rosa is in our 5th Supervisorial District, and part of our larger community. Your support for this outreach effort to an area of our community that has often been overlooked will be much appreciated. The dialogue and trust that can come from an event of this type can go a long way to build communications between youth, their families and law enforcement.

Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are an innate part of Women's Fellowship and are invited to attend any Fellowship activity whether or not they are interested in becoming further involved.

Women's Fellowship has been an important part of The Community Church since the church was first established in Sebastopol in 1889. The group has expanded to include many outreach projects, both within the church and the wider community. As an organization, we are continuing to develop and change in order to best serve the women of our church.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Thursday, 10/13: Monthly Meeting

10 AM – Executive Board - Women's - Fellowship Office

10:30 – Devotions, Business Meeting - Fellowship Hall
Coffee, tea, snacks

11:15 -- Program - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 27

Circles 1 meets at 1PM – Crafting in Fellowship Hall

Circle 2 meets at 10 AM – location to be announced



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations.



Here at the Community Church we will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2 with breads from around the world. And following worship you have the

opportunity to support artisans from around the world as Mission & Outreach sponsors the International Crafts Sale with all monies collected returned to the Mennonite Central Committee that pays artisans a fair market value for their wares.

Wider Community

CANDIDATE DEBATE: Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring a candidates' debate between Linda Hopkins and Noreen Evans in Memorial Hall on Monday, October 3rd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm; doors open at 5:30 pm. There will be an opportunity for participants to submit questions to the candidates.

UKULELE GROUP MEETS ON FRIDAYS

The UkeStars will continue to meet on Fridays in the Fellowship Hall for their jam sessions and weekly practice from 10-11:30 AM. For information please call Vicki Reno at 827-3668 or email at vreno@comcast.net.

Godly Play and Sunday School

- October 2: All children in church for Multi-Generational Worship & Communion
- October 9: Godly Play Room 5--The Flood & Ark
Godly Play Room 6—Sarah
Sunday School—Joyful Path: Parables of Jesus
- October 16: Godly Play Room 5—The Great Family
Godly Play Room 6—Hagar
Sunday School—Joyful Path: Self Control
- October 23: Godly Play Room 5—The Exodus
Godly Play Room 6—Jacob
Sunday School—Joyful Path: Stillness
- October 30: Godly Play Room 5—The Ten Best Ways
Godly Play Room 5—Joseph
Sunday School—Joyful Path: Patience

Many thanks to our Storytellers, Door Persons, and Sunday School Teachers in October: Gerri Doody, Peggy Porter, Pastor Ben, Pastor Rachel, Mary McMillon, Debbie McCallum, Kathy Bell, Paula Berndt and Kristen DelMonte.

Trained & Cleared Adult Volunteers for Nursery

We are currently looking for several adults to volunteer in the Nursery as extra helpers on a rotational basis. As we move toward a Safe Church model, we need two background-checked adults to be present in the Nursery. If you are interested in either volunteering to be a second adult in the room (to hold our sweet babies and care for them!), or if you're interested in joining our paid Nursery staff, please contact Pastor Rachel.

All Saints Sunday at the Farmer's Market

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

Sunday, October 30th we will be celebrating All Saints Day in worship, and this means our Acolytes are headed to the Farmer's Market! If you are a child in 2nd grade and up, you are invited to take a shift helping people light candles at a table at the Sebastopol Farmer's Market. We will be setting up a table of votive candles, and taking our brass candle lighters so that passersby can light a candle in honor of a loved one on All Saints Day. Adult volunteers are also needed to accompany our children & youth at the table. Please contact Pastor Rachel if you're interested in signing up for this meaningful new tradition.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Please join us Sundays at 9:15 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!



Youth News

October 2016

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

October 2 - Youth Lounge ... Lydia's Last Week

Games, Food & Fun

Theme: ***Whining to God*** -- Exodus 4:10-16

MS Hang Out 4-4:30 PM; ★Meeting 4:30-6 PM

HS Hang Out 6-6:30 PM; ★Meeting 6:30-8 PM

October 9 - Youth Lounge

Theme: ***Working for Justice Isn't Easy*** -- Exodus 5:15-23

MS Hang Out 4-4:30 PM; ★Meeting 4:30-6 PM

HS Hang Out 6-6:30 PM; ★Meeting 6:30-8 PM

October 16 - Youth Lounge

Theme: ***Being Stubborn*** -- Exodus 7:14-24

MS Hang Out 4-4:30 PM; ★Meeting 4:30-6 PM

HS Hang Out 6-6:30 PM; ★Meeting 6:30-8 PM

October 23 - Movie Night

MS 4-6 PM – show up right at 4 to start movie

HS 6-8 PM – show up right at 4 to start movie

October 30 - Costume Party!

Theme: ***Plagues!***—Parts of Exodus 7-12

MS Hang Out 4-4:30 PM; ★Meeting 4:30-6 PM

HS Hang Out 6-6:30 PM; ★Meeting 6:30-8 PM



MISSION & OUTREACH

the Fireside Room at 7 pm. The next meeting is Monday, October 10. Become part of something big – join the Committee for Mission & Outreach! Call Joyce Cox 829-0750.

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, laundry vouchers and bus passes. 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*
- ❖ *Soaps, shampoos and conditioner in sample or motel sizes*
- ❖ *Thick tube socks, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.*
- ❖ *Men's walking/athletic shoes or boots*
- ❖ *Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs*
- ❖ *Disposable razors and shaving cream*
- ❖ *Packaged toothbrushes & toothpaste*
- ❖ *Hand sanitizer, Chapstick, insect repellent and sun screen*
- ❖ *"Baby Wipes" or similar product*

Clothing items to 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.

SNACK BAGS

Mission & Outreach invites you to participate in our Snack Bag program where we provide snack items to those who might not know where their next meal is coming from. Single servings of crackers, peanut butter, juice, tuna, canned fruit and other snack items, can be brought to the church office. Something as small as a jar of peanut butter can make a tremendous difference in someone's day.



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 meets each Thursday at 7PM in the Fireside Room.

LISTENING DEVICE AVAILABLE



Did you know we have available for your use, a listening device to help enhance the sounds and voices speaking in church? Just ask an usher for a listening device and they will show you how it works. You can sit in any of the pews and the listening device will improve the sound quality for persons who may be hard of hearing. Give it a try!

NEW LIFE FOR YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES



Those old eyeglasses in your junk drawer are a great gift to someone in Mexico or South America through the **Lions In Sight** collection program. Just put the glasses in the collection box in the church entry and they will be processed and eventually reach an eye glass clinic to help someone improve their vision. Old hearing aids are also in demand.

Here is an opportunity to re-use and recycle at the same time as helping someone in need. If you have any questions about the eyeglass collection program, please ask Jerry Coleman.