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The Thing Is

by Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister

I write these words with the smoke of wildfires still in my nostrils. How could one event be both so destructive and unitive? My appreciation for Community Church grew on that fateful Monday when I heard that three evacuated families arrived at our church assuming we would open up as a shelter, which we did. Their presence declared, "That's the kind of church you are."

In the days following the onset of the fires, a poem caught my attention, "The Thing Is" by California poet Ellen Bass. It opens: "The thing is to love life, to love it even when you have no stomach for it and everything you've held dear crumbles like burnt paper in your hands, your throat filled with the silt of it." It's hard to love life like that. At its best, the church is where we learn to love in that way, without condition in the face of unbearable conditions. Bass's poem closes with: "Then you hold life like a face between your palms, a plain face, no charming smile, no violet eyes, and you say, yes, I will take you, I will love you, again."

"To love the world no matter what." It would not be unreasonable to boil down the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those seven words.

Members-at-Large: Your Council Representatives

Irma Bachelor (707-829-5485), Marian McDonald (707-338-5156), Marna McKenzie (505-660-1725) and Roger Wilson (707-823-8944) 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.

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!



Name Tags?



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, print C L E A R L Y the first and last name you would like to see on your church name tag. Leave this request in the church office or collection plate:

First Name _____

Last Name _____



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: _____

NOVEMBER 2017 WORSHIP

Faith Formation Hour for all ages at 9 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary
Children's Worship in the Chapel follows the Children's Message.

This program year, our worship is following the outline provided in Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road By Walking. A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation."

November 5 Reformation Sunday

We gather for multi-generational worship with Holy Communion. The Chancel Choir sings and Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches a sermon on Exodus 20:1-21 entitled, "Getting Slavery out of the People."

November 12 Gratitude Sunday

Today we conclude the public phase of our Annual Appeal to enable the 2018 ministry and mission of our congregation. Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches a sermon on Deuteronomy 7:1-11 entitled "From Ugliness, Beauty Emerges."

November 19 Thanksgiving Sunday

Participants in our 4th/5th Grade Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith graduate, the Handbell Ensemble provides worship music, and Rev. Rachel Knuth preaches a sermon on 2 Kings 2:1-15 entitled "Stories that Shape Us."

November 26 Reign of Christ Sunday

Today is the last Sunday in the Christian liturgical calendar – it begins a new cycle next week on the First Sunday in Advent. Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Isaiah 1:1-2:5 entitled "The Great Conversation." Our annual Advent Workshop follows worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Coming in December... Multi-Generational Worship with Holy Communion, Confirmation Sunday, the Season of Advent, "Gaudete" Sunday, Christmas Eve services at 4:00, 6:00 & 8:30. Reminder: Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are on Sundays this year.

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. There is no charge and the group is open to all.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5

Alternative Gifts

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Mission & Outreach will be passing out the Alternative Gift Catalogs in November. The catalogs will also be available in the entryway and in the church office.

The Alternative Gifts International is a collection of products or services that allows you to donate in honor of your gift recipient. When you make a purchase from the Alternative Gifts catalog, you receive a gift card to present, explaining about the alternative gift you have purchased in their name. Through your Alternative Gifts purchase you can honor your gift recipient by giving someone in desperate need a flock of chickens, eye surgery, a month of care for an orphan or clean water, all given in their name. Choose from a multitude of other wonderful and helpful gifts that will be truly appreciated. Pick up a catalog and let your imagination go!



This Christmas, give the gift of hope – a gift that can change a life! Shop from home and save gas - give from Alternative Gifts International.

Memorial Poinsettias

In December we will grace the church chancel with beautiful Memorial Poinsettias in 6" foil wrapped pots. Please fill out the form below and bring it to the church office or leave in the collection plate with your check. The cost is \$11 per poinsettia plant with checks made payable to the Community Church.

Deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 11th.

Given in Memory of _____

- or -

Given in Honor of _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ poinsettia plants.
(\$11 each)

_____ I will take my plant home

_____ Please deliver my plant to a shut-in.

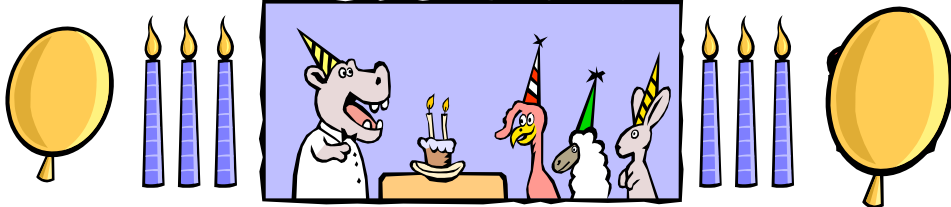
Deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 11th.



November

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO

3	Wynneth Longfellow	14	Connie Ayers
4	Brian Kautz	15	Dale Philips
5	Quinn Curtis	16	Ron Wessling
	Daniel Arendt	17	Ann Keller
6	Mary Lou Hillberg	20	Tyler Porter
	Julie Seth		Rolf Van Leeuwen
7	Elise Peterson		Audrey Margulis
10	Irene Bettendorff	22	Ellen Stillman
	Dan Rasmus	23	Mark Nelson
12	Kristen DelMonte	24	Keenan Foster
	Harry Simms	25	Karna Roa
	Pat Furber	26	Norm Stupfel
	Ben Broadbent		Pete Emerson
13	Debbie McCallum	27	David DeSantis
	Warren Brisbin		AJ Felciano
		28	Barbara Whitson
			Elan Sawyer
		29	Jan Kahdeman
			Stuart Mitchell
		30	Amy Furber Dobson



Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to attend Women's Fellowship meetings, programs, circles and events. 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. Meetings and programs are held on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 10:30 am. Circles meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at a time and place to be announced. Hope you can join us this month!

Thursday, November 9

10:00 a.m. – Executive Board Meets in Women's Fellowship Office

10:30 a.m. – Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall

11:15 a.m. – Program in Fellowship Hall: TBA.

Noon – Potluck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

We will not have our usual 4th Thursday luncheons at the Sebastopol Senior. Center in November or December. Please join us at 11:30 on Thursday, January 25, 2018!

On **December 3**, Women's Fellowship will offer handmade items, tea towels, jams, plants and all kinds of things for your holiday shopping. Look for our table after worship in Fellowship Hall, right next to the Women's Retreat Wreaths.

Thursday, December 14: Christmas Coffee/Tea

Join us for our only meeting in December when we celebrate the Christmas Season together with a Holiday Tea/Coffee & Cookies! Location and time to be announced.

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.



MULTI-GENERATIONAL ADVENT WORKSHOP

November 26 • Fellowship Hall

The Children's Ministry Team invites all people who want to deepen their Advent practice to an all-ages Advent Workshop after worship on November 26th.

We will begin at noon with a home-cooked, sit-down meal in Fellowship Hall. After the dishes are cleared, we will move on to crafting-- the choices will be staying at a table to color giant Advent posters, or creating an Advent wreath to take with you for your home Advent practice. All coloring and wreath-making materials will be provided, along with a beautiful weekly devotional to take home. The workshop will be guided with the intention of bringing all generations together in relationship and creating a meaningful home practice of candle-lighting during Advent. All are welcome, but you must register to attend!

What you need to be ready for the Advent Workshop:

- Register for the workshop by contacting the church office by Friday, November 17th, so we can set a place for you! Maximum capacity for this workshop is 50 people.
- This is a zero-waste event: please bring your own plates, utensils, and cloth napkins. Cups and drinks will be provided.

If can help with set-up or clean-up (either for the meal or the crafting), please contact Brooke Bell: bellbrooke@aol.com. If you have questions or want to talk more about creating a home rhythm for Advent, please contact Pastor Rachel: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

Children's Worship November Hymn of the Month:

"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

We are looking for more Adults to be Shepherds/Door Helpers /Musicians in Children's Worship! No preparations are needed to be a Door Helper or Shepherd – they are ministries of presence. Please contact Pastor Rachel for more information, and she will send you volunteer job descriptions and a link to sign up: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN & WORSHIP?

Children are part of the congregation and are always welcome to stay and participate in worship with their families. We welcome children of all ages in the sanctuary every Sunday, and strive to create worship services that are accessible for people of all ages.

For children and parents who wish for an alternative, we invite children to begin worship in the sanctuary with their families, then continue worshipping in Children's Worship. After the Children's Sermon, the Acolytes will lead them to the Chapel to continue worship with scripture, music, and offering, prayer, and Communion with Pastor Rachel. At the end of Children's Worship, the group will rejoin their families in the sanctuary.

Children's Worship Themes

Nov 5 Multi-Generational Worship in Sanctuary
(no Children's Worship in Chapel)

Nov 12 *The Story of Hannah*

Minister: Pastor Rachel
Musician: Laurie Kellner
Door Helper: **[Open]**
Shepherd: **[Open]**

Nov 19 *The Story of Sarah*

Minister: **[Open]**
Musician: **[Open]**
Door Helper: **[Open]**
Shepherd: **[Open]**

Nov 26 *The Story of Hagar*

Minister: Pastor Rachel
Musician: **[Open]**
Door Helper: **[Open]**
Shepherd: **[Open]**

Women's Retreat Wreath Sales

December 3 & 10

This holiday season enjoy fresh greens from California in a lovingly hand-crafted Christmas Wreath offered by the Women's Retreat Committee. All proceeds will help with retreat scholarships. Look for more information soon with sales on December 3 & 10



GODLY PLAY TRAINING: November 4th

We rescheduled our awesome Godly Play workshop to Saturday, November 4th, 8:30am-1:00pm. Di Pagel, renowned Godly Play trainer extraordinaire will be with us, and she is crafting a workshop specifically for our church community.

If you are a Storyteller or Door Helper, have a child (or grandchild!) in Godly Play, or are interested in deepening your understanding and experience of Godly Play, this workshop is for you! RSVP by emailing Pastor Rachel: rachelknuth@uccseb.org, with a message saying YES you can come to the workshop. Food and coffee/tea will be provided. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Rachel.



GODLY PLAY IS HAPPENING AT 9:00AM!

Our Godly Play program is offered at 9:00am on Sunday mornings in Room 5. It is open to people in Preschool-5th Grade (includes the 4/5th Graders who are not enrolled in OWL

9 am Nov 5	The Ark & The Tent	<i>Storyteller:</i> Blythe Osner <i>Door Helper:</i> Irma Bachelor
9 am Nov 12	St. Martin of Tours	<i>Storyteller:</i> Pastor Rachel <i>Door Helper:</i> Irma Bachelor
9 am Nov 19	The Prophets	<i>Storyteller:</i> [Open] <i>Door Helper:</i> Irma Bachelor
9 am Nov 26	Jonah, The Backward Prophet	<i>Storyteller:</i> [Open] <i>Door Helper:</i> Irma Bachelor

In Godly Play, Storytellers memorize a story and present it with the children, using wooden pieces. Door Helpers offer support as a ministry of presence, assisting children with art and "the feast." Often the Storytellers and Door Helpers find their involvement nourishes their spirits too! We are looking for more Storytellers and Door Helpers who are available to lead the program in November and December (and beyond, of course!). If you're interested in joining our Godly Play ministry, please contact Pastor Rachel, and she will be happy to talk more about it and send you a volunteer job description: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

The Community Church
requests the honor of your presence
at the rehearsal of the
Chancel Choir
Thursday Evenings at 7:15 pm
Sundays in worship:
November 5
November 12
December 3
December 17
and the evening of December 24
RSVP: Brian.Plaugher@gmail.com
Reception to follow worship

ADVENT SPIRAL • DECEMBER 3

Children, youth and adults are invited to participate in our lovely Advent Spiral in the Chapel on Sunday, December 3rd.

All are welcome to participate in the church-wide intergenerational Advent Spiral. We will offer two seatings: 5 pm and 6 pm, with 20 slots in each seating. RSVP to the church office at 823-2484 ext.100 or email: office@uccseb.org.

This is a prayerful meditative walk to prepare our hearts for Advent. The ritual calls forth in all of us the seeking of light—in going to our very center, we discover the light and take it out to share it with others. Please come ready to participate in a quiet walking meditation as we begin our Advent season.



PUMPKIN PIES! Nov 5 after worship

**A FUND RAISER FOR THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL MINI MISSION TRIP**

FRESH BAKED PUMPKIN PIES \$12

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet at 10 am on Wednesday, November 8 with The Compassionate Employer (AKA The workers in the vineyard) Matthew 20:1-16; on November 15 with The Kindly Outcast (AKA The Good Samaritan) Luke 10:29-37. November 22 & 29 we will be on Thanksgiving Break. All women are invited to join the group. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



Our Whole Lives/Sexuality and Our Faith (OWL)

OWL continues its life-affirming, justice-making work with our 4/5th Graders, meeting at 9:00am in the Chapel on Sunday mornings. OWL is a comprehensive sexuality curriculum designed by our denomination, the United Church of Christ, in partnership with the Unitarian Universalists. Our fully certified teachers, Pete Emerson and Brooke Bell, will lead the following workshops with the OWL class in November:



- November 5 Decisions and Actions
- November 12 Consent and Peer Pressure
- November 19 Healthy Relationships and Celebration!
+ OWL recognition ceremony during worship

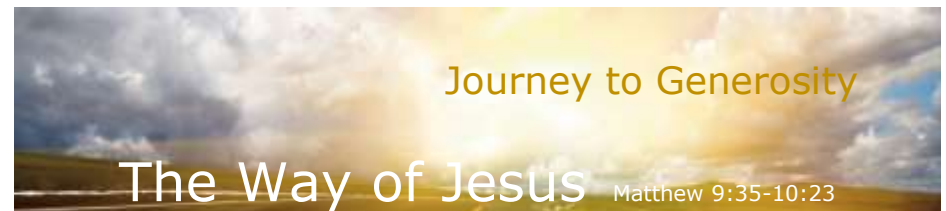
Additionally, there will be a Parent Information class with Pastor Rachel at 9:00am in the Media Room on Sunday, November 5th, to preview the last three workshops.

Name that Newsletter!

Let's have a contest to name our monthly newsletter - what do you want to call it?? Church Chatter? Cross Talk? Or better yet, submit your catchy title and let's see where that takes us. Send an email to office@uccseb.org with your suggestion and we will start 2018 with a new name for our newsletter!



☺ Thank you to Joanne Matson for her weekly help in the office – such a treat! ☺ Thank you to Barbara Wilson, Barbara Deedler, and Jerry Coleman for washing our shower towels while Norma Watson was away. ☺ Thank you to Muriel Weaver for preparing our visitor bags for Sundays. ☺ Thank you to Doris Rowe for cleaning and stocking the pews each week in preparation for Sunday Worship. ☺ Thank you to Keith Blackstone, Keenan & Patty Foster, Bob Holland, Sonja Larssen, Marna McKenzie, Josephine Nirmala, MaryEllen Taylor, Garth Watson, Barbara Whitson, plus a group of boys from the Green Acres Children's Home who came together on Oct 7 for a campus-wide garden clean-up – great crew – great job! ☺ Thank you to all of you for coming together to help with donations of bedding, food and more, plus your time to aid those displaced by the fires. ☺ The names are too numerous to list, but special thanks to Irma Bachelor who served as nurse, Kathy Matthies - coordinator extraordinaire and Pastor Rachel for covering more than our spiritual needs. ☺



2018 Annual Appeal

Pledges (as of October 25)	Received	Goal	Over/(Under)
Households	76	160	(84)
Our Congregation's Local Ministry	\$195,748	\$369,000	(\$173,252)
Our Congregation's Wider Mission	\$17,428	\$41,000	(\$23,572)
Total Pledges	\$213,176	\$410,000	(\$196,824)



17TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017, join us in Memorial Hall as we help host the 17th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. With the help of Roger & Linda Collins, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner has grown more and more each year and we want to make 2017 the biggest and best yet! Here is how you can help: Call the church office at 823-2484 to sign up to work a 2 hour shift on either Wednesday, November 22 or Thursday, November 23. We need prep work, cooking, serving and cleanup – and there is no age limit – everyone can pitch in!

If you are not available to work on either of those days, another big help to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner is to donate food items or cash. Non-perishable food items can be brought to church on Sunday, November 12 & 19 (potatoes, onions, canned goods, etc.) Checks can be made out to the Community Church with a notation in the memo line: Thanksgiving Dinner.

Who is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner? Anyone who might find themselves eating alone, or may not have the energy or funds to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner is invited. In fact, everyone is invited to our Community Thanksgiving Dinner to share a meal with our neighbors.

Dinners are served from 1-5 PM. We can also arrange for meal delivery or transportation to and from the dinner. Call the church office at 823-2484 to make arrangements.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 13 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room at the Community Church.

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, tents
- ❖ Disposable razors and shaving cream
- ❖ Packaged toothbrushes & toothpaste
- ❖ Hand sanitizer, Chapstick, insect repellent and Sun screen

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.

SLEEPING BAGS / TENTS

Winter is on its way and we have already had a number of requests for sleeping bags and tents. If you have a clean, useable sleeping bag or tent to donate, please bring it to the church office and we will see that it gets put to good use. Thank you!



Youth News

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

November 2017!!

Middle School meets on Sunday mornings from 9 – 10:15 am.

High School Youth will be combined with Confirmation Class through the end of November, in a program we are calling **Confirmation-Plus**, all are invited to attend whether you are considering confirmation, have already been confirmed, or want to continue your practice of coming to youth group!

Nov 4 & 5

Middle School Lock-In & Pumpkin Pie Sales



We will be doing our annual pumpkin pie making/lock-in starting at 12 noon on Saturday November 4th and ending after our pie sales after church on Sunday the 5th. Those who cannot attend the lock-in are welcome to join us Sunday morning at

9. If you plan on attending the lock-in please let Ross know by November 1st so he can assure there is plenty of food for each meal.

Nov 5

6 – 8 PM High School – **Justice & Peace**

Nov 12

9 -10:15 AM Middle School – **Judges & Kings**

6 – 8 PM High School – **Eternal Life**

Nov 19

9 -10:15 AM Middle School – **Exile**

6 – 8 PM High School – **“A lifelong Journey”**

Nov 26

No regular youth group meetings. The youth lounge will be open for both high school and middle school to hang out before services at 10:30.

FAITH FORMATION HOUR:

There's A Place for Everyone on Sundays 9:00-10:15am!

Sunday mornings begin at 9:00am! We have a Faith Formation educational hour, with programming for people of all ages 9:00-10:15am every Sunday morning. The whole church joins in worship at 10:30am, with the option for children to continue to Children's Worship in the Chapel following the Children's Sermon.

Our offerings this Fall include Our Whole Lives: Sexuality & Our Faith (OWL) for 4/5th graders and The Breakfast Club, a new hangout for parents with coffee, snacks, and a suggested topic for conversation.

Sunday Mornings Faith Formation

A Place for Everyone at 9 am

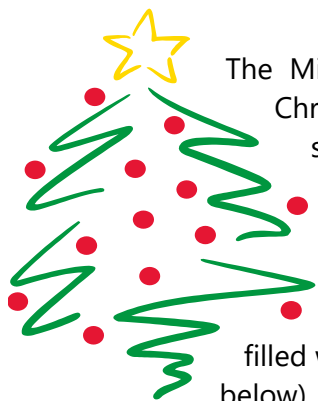
Who	What	Where
Children Ages 0-3	Nursery Care	Nursery – Room 4
Children Preschool-Grade 3 (& Grades 4&5 non OWL)	Godly Play	Rooms 5 & 6
Children Grades 4&5	OWL	Faith Chapel
Youth Middle School	Youth Group	Youth Lounge
Youth High School	Adult Offerings / Sun Evening Program	Various / Youth Lounge
Adults	Bible Study	Fireside Room
Adults	Lecture Series TBA	Media Room
Adults (Parents of Pre-High Schoolers)	Breakfast Club Hangout	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Adults (Choir, Handbells, etc.)	Music Preparation	Music Room / Sanctuary

A Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.



- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Mission & Outreach

The Mission & Outreach Board is sponsoring the Christmas Tree as well as the Shoebox Ministry – shoeboxes will be filled with items suitable for both men and women.

Shoeboxes will be available for you to pick up on the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 3, following worship. The shoeboxes can be filled with necessities for a homeless person (see list below). The box should be wrapped in Christmas paper and placed under the Christmas tree in the narthex. On December 20th members of the Mission & Outreach Board will deliver the gifts to the Homeless Services Center in Santa Rosa.

Our Shoebox Ministry gifts can be an important part in the life of a homeless person. Please fill your shoebox generously using “regular” size products (not “sample” sizes). It is important to stick to the list and include all the items as these gifts are opened in a group setting

Shoebox Ministry

Toothpaste	Toothbrush	Pocket comb
Deodorant	Washcloth	Shampoo/conditioner
2 granola bars (soft)	Hand towel	Package of tissues
Disposable razors	Hand sanitizer	Large bar of soap
1 Pair of warm socks	Hat/Scarf/Gloves	Pen and notepad
Shaving cream	Chapstick	Box of band aides

Our tree will be decorated with “Socks, Warm Hats & Underwear.” There is always a tremendous need for men’s, women’s and children’s socks and new packaged underwear in all sizes. Socks, packages of underwear, hats and gloves can be brought in to decorate the Christmas tree that will be placed in the narthex on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3. All the items collected will be delivered to agencies serving the needy on December 20 by members of the Mission & Outreach Board.

Prayers, Joys & Concerns

PRAYERS for... all in the Caribbean and Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria; **victims** of the earthquake in Mexico City; **Jeff & Paula Pearce**, suffering the death of their son, **Jeff, Pat Furber**, recovering from surgery.

PRAYERS for... Laurie Mitchell’s **Aunt Pepper**, treatment for cancer; **Carson Pforsich**, recovering from spinal cord injury.

PRAYERS for... Barbara & Curt Nichols, who lost their home in the fire; **Shawn Nichols & Susan Wahl & Tristyn Nichols**, who lost their home in the fire; for all the people affected by the fires, the loss of life, loss of housing, loss of jobs.

CONDOLENCES to... the family and friends of **Bob Harper**, who died on October 19; the family and friends of **Bill Strillman**, who died on October 6; the friends and family of Kay Warren’s niece, **Terry**, who died recently; family & friends of **Mellyn Reading**, who died of cancer recently; family & friends of **Sara Wilson**, who died of cancer.

HEALING PRAYERS for... Lizann Bassham, undergoing immunotherapy; **Glenda Elvy**, returned home and continuing to recover from shoulder surgery; **Donna Tappan** at home, continuing to regain her strength

PRAYERS of JOY... to the **Galleto family**, celebrating one year with **Eian & Elias**. Congratulations to **Marna McKenzie**, named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation.



YOUNG ADULT – 20/30’S GROUP

Post high school, college students – all young adults – meet us at Hop Monk Tavern in Sebastopol for our next **20/30’S GROUP** on Friday, November 3rd at 7PM. If you are interested or have questions, please Contact Ross Galleto at 707-495-1507 or rossgalleto@gmail.com. We have lots to catch up on!

Welcome New Members!



Laura Pearsall



Marcel Coder

Welcome New Members!



Terri Harper



Bob Harper, a faithful participant in the life our church died Oct 19.



The Whitehorn Family
Will, Ava (15), Tyler (12), and Nicole Whitehorn



The Curtis Family
Sheina, Bob and Ainsley (7), Eliana (9), and Quinn (4) Curtis

Also joining on Oct 22, but not pictured is the Goodell Family Garik, Monica and 7 month old Richard.



November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 All Saints / Souls Sunday Men's Retreat at Inverness ends at 12 pm 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Multi-gen Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 6:00 PM High School Confirmation	30	31	1 All Saints Day 10:00 AM Staff Team 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Church Council	2 All Souls Day 5:00 PM Stewardship Calling 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	3 10:00 AM UkeStars	4 8:30 AM Godly Play Training 12:00 PM Middle School Lock-In & Pumpkin Pies Set your clocks forward before you go to bed tonight - Daylight Savings Ends at 2 am on Sunday!
5 Reformation Sunday Middle School Pumpkin Pies Sale 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Multi-gen Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 6:00 PM High School Confirmation	6	7	8 10:00 AM Staff Team 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	9 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting & Program 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Potluck Luncheon 6:00 PM Worship & Music Planning 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	10 10:00 AM UkeStars	11 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch
12 Gratitude Sunday 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Multi-gen Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 6:00 PM High School Confirmation	13 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	14 4:00 PM Pastoral Relations Committee	15 Dec Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM Staff Team 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Board of Trustees	16 7:00 PM Christian Education 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	17 10:00 AM UkeStars	18
19 Thanksgiving Sunday 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Multi-gen Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 6:00 PM High School Confirmation	20	21	22 10:00 AM Staff Team 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Meal Prep	23 Thanksgiving Day 1:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Dinner	24 10:00 AM UkeStars	25 2:00 PM Bob Pforsich Memorial Service 2:00 PM Memorial Reception
26 Reign of Christ Sunday 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Multi-gen Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 12:00 PM Advent Workshop & Lunch	27	28	29 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	30 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	1 10:00 AM UkeStars	2

Faith Formation Hour Every Sunday at 9 am:

Godly Play, Preschool – Grade 3, Room 5

Middle School Youth Group, Grades 6-8, Youth Lounge

Our Whole Lives (OWL), Grades 4 & 5, Faith Chapel

Breakfast Club, Parents, Fellowship Hall

Sunday Bible Study, Adults, Fireside Room