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***Water, People, Sugar, Bread***

Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent

Perhaps you've seen our congregation's "Rainbow Bread" video online: [www.facebook.com/uccseb](http://www.facebook.com/uccseb). It features a child's voice saying, "You don't need that much to make church." It's a helpful reminder, especially when making "church" seems like it requires quite a lot indeed: money, members, committees, buildings, staff, policies, websites, volunteers... the list goes on and on.

The voice in the video tells us that it only takes four things to "make church":

- Water – Through Baptism we are named and blessed, buried and raised, joined with others into one Body of Christ.
- People – The church is in the people business, inviting into community a rainbow of people with strengths and flaws, doubts and beliefs, hopes and fears.
- Sugar – The whole point of our coming together is to bear witness to the good news we find in the Gospel: sweet fullness of life through Jesus Christ.
- Bread – At the table of Holy Communion, in the company of others, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are nourished and blessed to be a blessing.

You don't need that much to make church: water, people, sugar, bread. The rest is secondary.



## MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Fireside Room at 7 pm. The next meeting is Monday, October 9.

### 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

Winter rains and cold weather are just around the corner and we would like to have a supply of warm coats and socks on hand – the items that are in the greatest demand. If you have small tent or sleeping bag to donate, we can find a good home for those items as well. 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.

### 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 left in the church office.

## OCTOBER 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."*

### **October 1      World Communion Sunday**

Mindful of our kindred in Christ throughout the world, we gather for multi-generational worship and Holy Communion. Rev. Rachel Knuth preaches a sermon on Genesis 4:1-17 entitled, "In Over Our Heads."

### **October 8      Annual Appeal Kick-Off**

Today we kick off the Annual Appeal to enable the 2018 ministry and mission of our congregation. This year's theme: "The Way of Jesus." The Chancel Choir provides an anthem and Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches a sermon on Genesis 12:1-9 entitled "Plotting Goodness."

### **October 15      19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Church members and friends who are prepared to offer their pledge are invited forward to do so. The Handbell Ensemble provides worship music and Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Genesis 18:9-33 entitled "Never Too Late."

### **October 22      22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

New Members join, Divine Connection provides worship music, and Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Genesis 32 entitled "Rivalry or Reconciliation?"

### **October 29      All Saints/Souls Sunday**

Members and friends invited to bring a portrait of a loved one to adorn our "Cloud of Witnesses" altar. Rev. Knuth preaches a sermon on Exodus 1 entitled "Free to Set Others Free."

**Coming in November...** Gratitude Sunday, blessing of participants in the 4th-5th Grade Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith program, Thanksgiving Sunday, Reign of Christ Sunday

# Celebrating a **BIRTHDAY** in October

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|----|----------------------------|----|------------------|
| 2  | Laura Steyn                | 13 | Suzanne White    |
| 4  | Will Plaughter             |    | Gerri Doody      |
|    | Lynn Deedler               | 14 | Dianne Moore     |
|    | Spencer Babcock            |    | Larry Stallings  |
| 5  | Patty Foster               | 16 | Bob Shimetz      |
| 6  | Laurie Mitchell            |    | Elyse Mengle     |
|    | John Wilson                | 17 | Greg Bradley     |
|    | Annie Nelson               |    | Brianna Bright   |
| 7  | Laura Jame                 | 18 | Helen Sokolis    |
|    | Libby Plaughter            | 20 | Steve Beck       |
|    | Bret Felciano              |    | Kaydin Berndt    |
| 8  | Jan Sweeney                |    | Ben Rasmus       |
|    | Linda Roa                  |    | Gavin Bright     |
|    | Lori Blackburn             | 23 | Lizann Bassham   |
| 9  | Linda Mollenahuer-Meyskens |    | Michael Ott      |
| 10 | Benjamin Feige             |    | Ann Butterfield  |
|    | Gloria Given               | 24 | Emma DelMonte    |
|    | Dakota Blackstone          |    | Ella Trevino     |
| 11 | William Oakes              |    | Maryellen Taylor |
|    | Linda Inman                | 26 | Kay Warren       |
|    | Cedar Edwards              | 28 | Betty Nelson     |
|    |                            |    | Henry Feige      |



## Bible Study for Women

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 in the Fireside Room at 10 AM following the theme of

#### God's Lost & Found Department:

**Oct 4:** Luke 15:1-7 – *The Lost Sheep* and  
Luke 15:8-10 – *The Lost Coin*

**Oct 11** Luke 15:11-32 – *The Lost Son*

**Oct 18** Luke 16:1-13 – *The Crafty (unjust) Steward*

**Oct 25** Luke 16:19-30 – *The Parable of Lazarus & the Rich Man*

All women are invited to join the group. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKS & BALANCES

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent & John Henel

As a not-for-profit organization supported by financial gifts of members, it is important that our church, and every church, have in place adequate and appropriate financial controls so that donors may be assured that money is being received, managed, and spent according to the stated purposes of our congregation.

These controls, also called checks and balances, protect the congregation as a whole, but also the staff and volunteers who count, record, deposit, budget, spend, and account for the church's finances. Several sets of controls help us accomplish financial health and transparency:

1. *Policies.* For example, our current Bylaws require that two people sign every check issued by the church. This policy requires at least two sets of eyes on every check disbursed.
2. *Physical Plant.* For example, we have a secure slot safe where deposits are placed before being processed by our Bookkeeper.
3. *Personnel.* Our Bookkeeper, Jennifer Halleck, is a key staff person who follows policies and procedures as she processes, records, and reports deposits and disbursements of funds.

Following the departure this past Spring of our most recent Financial Secretary, Suzanne White, a committee of five – Benjamin Broadbent, John Henel, Marge Holland, Denelle Tognozzi, and Jennifer Halleck – decided to create a contract position called an "Internal Auditor" to confirm our church's financial policies and procedures. At least quarterly, the Internal Auditor, working with our Bookkeeper, Jennifer Halleck, will review our financial controls and provide a report with recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Many of you know the person we've asked to step into this position. Ann Butterfield is a member of our church who serves as Director of Business Services for the Presbyterian Synod of the Pacific. She is highly qualified for this position and is eager to provide our congregation with professional guidance regarding our financial checks and balances.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PRAYERS for...** all affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria; **Ryan Stevens**, in hospice care; **Pepper Golesh & Lu Capps**, health challenges; **Marcel Coder**, recovering from broken hip and surgery; **Bob & Terri Harper**, as Bob is treated for brain cancer. **Marilyn McHugh**, who made more than 700 items for babies in Uganda; Jeff Pearce's brother, **Mark**, with colon cancer; **all people** living with chronic pain; **Lizann Bassham**, facing health challenges; **Roger Collins**, recovering from foot injury; **Erin Butterfield**, returned from Zambia; **Jeff & Paula Pearce**, following the recent death of their son. **Donna Tappan** with continued health problems, **Pat Furber**, recovering from surgery; **Glenda Elvy**, recovering from surgery; the **Galleto family**, celebrating one year with **Eian & Elias**.



♥Thank you to all of you who attended and helped with Family Camp – What fun! ♥Thank you to Barbara Whitson and garden helpers Keenan & Patty Foster along with Bob Holland for keeping the church grounds looking so nice – and you can help them on October 7! ♥Thank you to our towel washing brigade, keeping our shower users supplied with clean towels: Irma Bachelor, the Coleman's, Norma Watson and Barbara Wilson. ♥Thank you to office elves Joanne Matson and Doris Rowe for faithfully coming in each week to help prepare for Sunday worship. ♥Thank you to Muriel Weaver for preparing our visitor bags. ♥Thank you to Kim Buckman for installing a new curtain rod and hanging the new curtains in the Fireside Room. ♥Thanks again to the Women's Fellowship for making all the changes in the Fireside Room possible – and they are not done yet! ♥Thank you to Kathy Matthies and helpers for organizing our Launch Lunch and everyone who helped with set up and clean up!

## BIBLE QUIZ

- A. Name the author in the Old Testament that contains only one chapter.
- B. Who is the adopted son of a princess?
- C. Name the 90 year old mother.

Answers somewhere in this newsletter...



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1

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 1.

### YOUNG ADULT – 20/30'S GROUP

Post high school, college students – all young adults – meet us at Hop Monk Tavern in Sebastopol for our first **20/30'S GROUP** on October 5th at 7PM. If you are interested or have questions, please Contact Ross Galletto at 707-495-1507 or [rossgalletto@gmail.com](mailto:rossgalletto@gmail.com). We have lots to catch up on!

### SONOMA COUNTY RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK

#### Legal Observer Training October 11

Learn how to stand up for your neighbors in the case of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid. Participants will get information on how to legally observe and document civil rights violations, build a case against deportation and keep families together. 6 pm at the Guerneville Community Church, 14520 Armstrong Woods Road. For more information please contact [SheRisesRussianRiver@gmail.com](mailto:SheRisesRussianRiver@gmail.com).



## Neighbors in Need

### Protect the Sacred

In a Just World, Clean Water is Life.

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
Neighbors in Need 2017  
[ucc.org/nin](http://ucc.org/nin)

Sept 24  
& Oct. 1  
Community Church



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

The 2017 theme is "Protect the Sacred: In a Just World, Clean Water is Life." Our congregation will receive the NIN offering on two Sundays, September 24 and October 1, 2017 as part of our World Communion Sunday observance.

### NAME TAGS?

If your name tag has come up missing, 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## ***JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY***

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent & Bobbie Johanson

On October 8, we will kick off the Annual Appeal to gather pledges from members and friends of The Community Church of Sebastopol in support of the 2018 Ministry and Mission of our local congregation.

Our theme this year – “Journey to Generosity – The Way of Jesus” will help us focus on what it means to be a community “on the way” toward grateful living and generous giving. This appeal is not only about funding the church’s ministry and mission in 2018, it is also about becoming the generous people God is calling us to be, inside and outside of the church.

Jesus talked about money a lot, as much as any other topic save the kingdom of God itself. It seems that Jesus wanted to heal peoples’ relationship with money because he knew that an unhealthy relationship with money would get in the way of a healthy relationship with God and neighbor. Jesus helped his followers heal by leading them out of a mindset of scarcity and into a mindset of abundance. His message was: “God provides for your needs, now let the gifts of God flow through you.”

We are all in this together. That’s what it means to be a congregation. In support of our 2018 ministry and mission budgets, we want to increase the number of households making a pledge as well as the overall pledged amount so that our congregation can provide fair staff compensation, develop additional high-quality programs, and increase our facility maintenance and improvement.

The local church ministry and mission outreach of Community Church saves lives:

- Over forty 12-step groups meet every week.
- People with no home take showers every Tuesday – Friday.
- Middle Schoolers engage in interfaith dialogue.
- High Schoolers in Confirmation explore their faith with trusted adults.
- Women in Bible Study knit hats for newborn babies.
- Men go on retreat to consider spirituality for the two halves of life.

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- People sing together like almost no other place in our culture.
- A hopeful word is preached that defies the dysfunctional politics of fear.
- Groups of youth and adults are sent to plant trees, serve food, and build homes.

Join us October 8 – November 19 on the “Journey to Generosity” as we attempt – stumbling, no doubt – to follow in the Way of Jesus.

## ***FAITH IN ACTION TEAM (FIAT)***

### ***Let’s Put Our Faith into Action!***

Our church is a member of the North Bay Organizing Project (NBOP) which is a multicultural, multi-faith organization working together to provide a better life for all in Sonoma County.

Please join us at the county wide meeting and vote for the top priorities for NBOP to focus on for the next few years. Let’s have a good turn out from the Community Church to show our support and concern for these issues.

- **Sunday October 15**
- **3 – 5 pm**
- **Glaser Center – 547 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa**

We will meet in the church parking lot by Fellowship Hall at 2:10 pm to carpool to Santa Rosa.

Over the last month we have been gathering concerns from our congregation to take to NBOP. The top concerns raised:

- Need for affordable housing
- Need for mental health services
- Help for the homeless

Thank you to all who participated in the survey. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Joyce Cox 707.823.0750 or b-j-cox@att.net. We would love to have you join us on October 15.

Answers to Bible Quiz:

A. Sarah B. Moses C. Obadiah

### **GODLY PLAY TRAINING: OCTOBER 21ST**

We are delighted to be hosting a workshop with Di Pagel, the top Godly Play Trainer in the Bay Area, on Saturday, October 21st, 8:30am-1:00pm. Di is designing the workshop especially for our church's Godly Play Storytellers and Door Helpers. If you are currently (or have an interest in becoming) involved in our Godly Play ministry, you are welcome to attend this life-giving workshop! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Rachel: [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org).



### **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). Our Storytellers memorize a story and present it with the children, using wooden pieces. Our 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! If you're interested in joining our Godly Play ministry, please contact Pastor Rachel: [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org).

9 am Oct 1	Creation	<i>Storyteller:</i> Nathan Knuth <i>Door Helper:</i> Blythe Osner
9 am Oct 8	The Flood & The Ark	<i>Storyteller:</i> Nathan Knuth <i>Door Helper:</i> Ann Butterfield
9 am Oct 15	The Great Family	<i>Storyteller:</i> Rachel Knuth <i>Door Helper:</i> Nathan Knuth
9 am Oct 22	The Exodus	<i>Storyteller:</i> Nathan Knuth <i>Door Helper:</i> Bobbie Johanson
9 am Oct 29	The Ten Best Ways	<i>Storyteller:</i> (OPEN) <i>Door Helper:</i> Bobbie Johanson

### *The Community Church* *requests the honor of your presence* *at the rehearsal of the* **Chanel Choir**

*Thursday Evenings at 7:15 pm*

*Sundays in worship:*

*October 1*

*October 8*

*November 5*

*November 12*

*December 3*

*December 17*

*and the evening of December 24*

*RSVP: [Brian.Plaugher@gmail.com](mailto:Brian.Plaugher@gmail.com)*

*Reception to follow worship*

### **GOD GAVE ME SEXUALITY, HEALTHY HOLY SEXUALITY!**

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 lessons with the OWL class in October:

October 1: Body Image

October 8: Changes of Puberty

October 15: Gender

October 22: Feelings and Attractions

October 29: Reproduction and Staying Healthy

Additionally, there will be a Parent Information class with Pastor Rachel at 9:00am in the Media Room on Sunday, October 8th, to preview the following lessons: Gender, Feelings and Attractions, and Reproduction and Staying Healthy.



We want to extend an invitation to all our visitors to learn more about the Community Church of Sebastopol, United Church of Christ and church membership.

There will be an interactive orientation with a simple lunch after church on Sunday, October 8 from 11:45 am -1:45 pm, in our Media Room to find out more about the Community Church and what it means to become a member.

Please contact Karin Seder, Office Manager by October 2 if you plan to attend and let her know if you need childcare: 707.823.2484 ext.100 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

New Members will be received into the church on October 22.

### **MEMBERSHIP WITH INTEGRITY**

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

On October 22, we will receive new members into the life of Community Church. They 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, they will be asked to answer to 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."

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- 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."

Further, they will make promises, 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.

For those of us who are already members, we will be asked to commit to these promises along with our new members so that we might build together a community of deepening trust, faithful commitment, and palpable joy.



## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OCTOBER HYMN OF THE MONTH:**

### ***"Go Down, Moses"***

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](mailto: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.

Oct 1 Multi-Generational Worship in Sanctuary  
(no Children's Worship in Chapel)

Oct 8 The Story of Moses  
Musician: Andy DelMonte  
Door Helper:  
Shepherd:

Oct 15 Moses and Water  
Musician: Laurie Kellner  
Door Helper:  
Shepherd:

Oct 22 Women in the Moses Story  
Musician: Denelle Tognozzi  
Door Helper:  
Shepherd:

Oct 29 Moses & the Burning Bush  
Musician: Denelle Tognozzi  
Door Helper:  
Shepherd:

## **FAITH FORMATION HOUR:**

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

Sunday mornings begin at 9:00am! We now 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.

New 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**

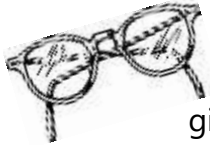
Who	What	Where
Children Ages 0-3	Nursery Care	Nursery – Room 4
Children Preschool-Grade 3 (& Grades 4&5 non OWL)	Godly Play	Rooms 5 & 6
Children Grades 4&5	OWL	Faith Chapel
Youth Middle School	Youth Group	Youth Lounge
Youth High School	Adult Offerings / Sun Evening Program	Various / Youth Lounge
Adults	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

### **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: vreno@comcast.net.



### **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.

### **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 7 pm in the Fireside Room.



### **AUTUMN GARDEN PARTY!**

Come join us for a fun filled morning of gardening and fellowship in the church courtyard. Bring your gloves, rakes, clippers and favorite garden tools and if someone has a truck, to haul away clippings, bring that too. We finish off with an ice cream cone for everyone! Barbara Whitson 707.322.2012 or barbwhit@sonic.net.



# 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. Please plan to join us this month!

#### **Thursday, October 12**

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

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

**11:15** Program in Fellowship Hall: Nancy Shimetz will share the history and experiences of her grandparents during their service as missionaries in the Philippines.

**Noon** – Potluck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, October 26**

Circles 1 and 2 meet at 11:30 am for lunch at the Sebastopol Senior Center – enjoy a wonderful lunch for just \$4. Call Dale to reserve your spot: (707) 695-0717 by Monday, October 23.



Thank you from Women's Fellowship to all of you who purchased items from their Farmer's Market & Bake Sale in September. And special thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a great success! ♥

# Youth News

*Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12*

*Middle School PF Grades 6-8*

**October 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!

**Oct 1 – God the Creator**

9 -10:15 AM Middle School

6 – 8 PM High School Confirmation Plus

**Oct 8 – God the Christ**

9 -10:15 AM Middle School

6 – 8 PM High School Confirmation Plus

**Oct 15 – The Church: Locally and Globally**

9 -10:15 AM Middle School

6 – 8 PM High School Confirmation Plus

**Oct 22 – Forgiveness & Grace**

9 -10:15 AM Middle School

6 – 8 PM High School Confirmation Plus

**Oct 29 – See you in the Youth Lounge**

9 -10:15 AM Middle School

6 – 8 PM High School Confirmation Plus

**Coming up – the Fall Youth Event** for grades 9-12 at

Monte Toyon November 17-19. More info soon.

## A RETREAT FOR ALL MEN

OCTOBER 27-29, 2017 ST. COLUMBA'S RETREAT CENTER  
12835 SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BLVD, INVERNESS



**THEME:** *Moving into the Second Half of Life* based on a book by Franciscan Friar, Richard Rohr: *Falling Upward*\*. Pastor Benjamin will facilitate a discussion looking at the joys and struggles of the past while moving forward – how we can hear a deeper voice of God along the way. \*Copies of *Falling Upward* are available at the Sonoma County Library or widely available online.

**FACILITY:** St. Columba's Retreat Center is located in Inverness, nestled in the hills above Tomales Bay, just a little more than an hour from Sebastopol at 12835 Sir Francis Drake Blvd in the town of Inverness.

There are several bedrooms, each with 1 to 12 single beds. All bedding and towels are provided, with accommodations for 30.



## Men's Spiritual Retreat Registration Form

**October 27-29, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE:** \$50 (Group attendees will participate in food preparations. \$25 per person will be collected separately for food.)

**TRANSPORTATION:** Carpooling arranged by Warren Brisbin.

I am interested in carpooling: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to have a ride.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be driving my car and have room for \_\_\_\_\_ more people.

Please make checks payable to **The Community Church** for \$50 with a notation in the memo line: **Men's Retreat** and mail to Warren Brisbin, 3378 Magowan Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

For questions contact Warren at 707.483.4461 or [GBrisbin@sonic.net](mailto:GBrisbin@sonic.net)

## October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Neighbors in Need Special Offering World Communion Sunday <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship for All Ages <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Governance Model Presentation <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Confirmation Plus	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>5:30 PM</b> Budget SubCommittee <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Young Adults Group at HopMonk <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Fall Yard Clean-up
<b>8</b> Annual Appeal Kickoff <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>9:00 AM</b> Parent's OWL Meeting <b>9:30 AM</b> Faith In Action Team (FIAT) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship for All Ages <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>11:45 AM</b> New Member Orientation Lunch <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Confirmation Plus	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diaconate	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Board <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Meeting & Program <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Fellowship Luncheon <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> 2nd Saturday Lunch <b>2:00 PM</b> Memorial Service for Elaine Bornmann <b>3:00 PM</b> Memorial Reception
<b>15</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship for All Ages <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Confirmation Plus	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Pastoral Relations Committee <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Retreat Planning <b>7:00 PM</b> Memorial & Endowment	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Christian Education <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> New Members Received <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship for All Ages <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Confirmation Plus	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble	<b>26</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Circles Lunch/Crafts @ Seb. Senior Center <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> Men's Retreat at Inverness <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>28</b> Men's Retreat at Inverness
<b>29</b> All Saints / Souls Sunday Men's Retreat at Inverness <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship for All Ages <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Confirmation Plus	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> All Saints Day <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>2</b> All Souls Day <b>6:00 PM</b> Worship & Music Planning <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>4</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth/Pumpkin Pies

### 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



## **A GOVERNANCE CHANGE?**

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister  
& Patty Raney, Moderator

The Community Church's Council has been looking at an alternative governance model to the one that has been in place since 1985, the year our current Bylaws were adopted by a vote of the congregation. Our current Bylaws have served us well by creating consistency for over three decades and by providing way to grant formal authority to lay leaders by outlining the purpose and structure of various standing Boards and Committees. However, there are a variety of ways in which our Bylaws do not reflect current practice and do not support us moving forward. There are committees required by the Bylaws that haven't existed for several years, and there are procedures that we no longer follow. Furthermore, our current governance model requires that the congregation elect members into 98 different positions on as many as 16 standing committees. Our Council is made up of at least 20 people, making it difficult to make nimble and strategic decisions.

### ***Some aspects of the new model (see next page):***

- Our congregation's mission is at the center.
- 4 "Ministry Areas" include every program, committee, and volunteer position in the church.
- 3 "Support Areas" work collectively to carry out the ministry of our congregation.
- 3 "Resource Areas" support all business functions of our organization.

### ***Benefits of this model:***

- Carries forward our church's values while reflecting the current contexts of our members' lives and the surrounding culture.
- Honors congregational participation while encouraging a culture of "yes" so that ministry leaders can pursue their interests and passions.

- Enables a nimble governing board (Council) to represent the membership by articulating mission and vision, evaluating programs, and ensuring responsible stewardship of resources.
- Empowers program leaders to work harmoniously to create effective programs with the support of a structure that delegates authority and requires accountability.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions:***

- How are Council members chosen? They are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the congregation.
- Will we still have committees? Yes, many of them. But they won't be required by the Bylaws. We will keep and add and adjust the committees and ministry teams we need.
- Will we still have a Board of Trustees? No, but the functions of the Trustees will carry forward into the Finance and Facility Resource Areas and the Vice-Moderator & Treasurer positions.
- Will this require a change to the Bylaws? Yes, by vote of the membership at a congregational meeting.

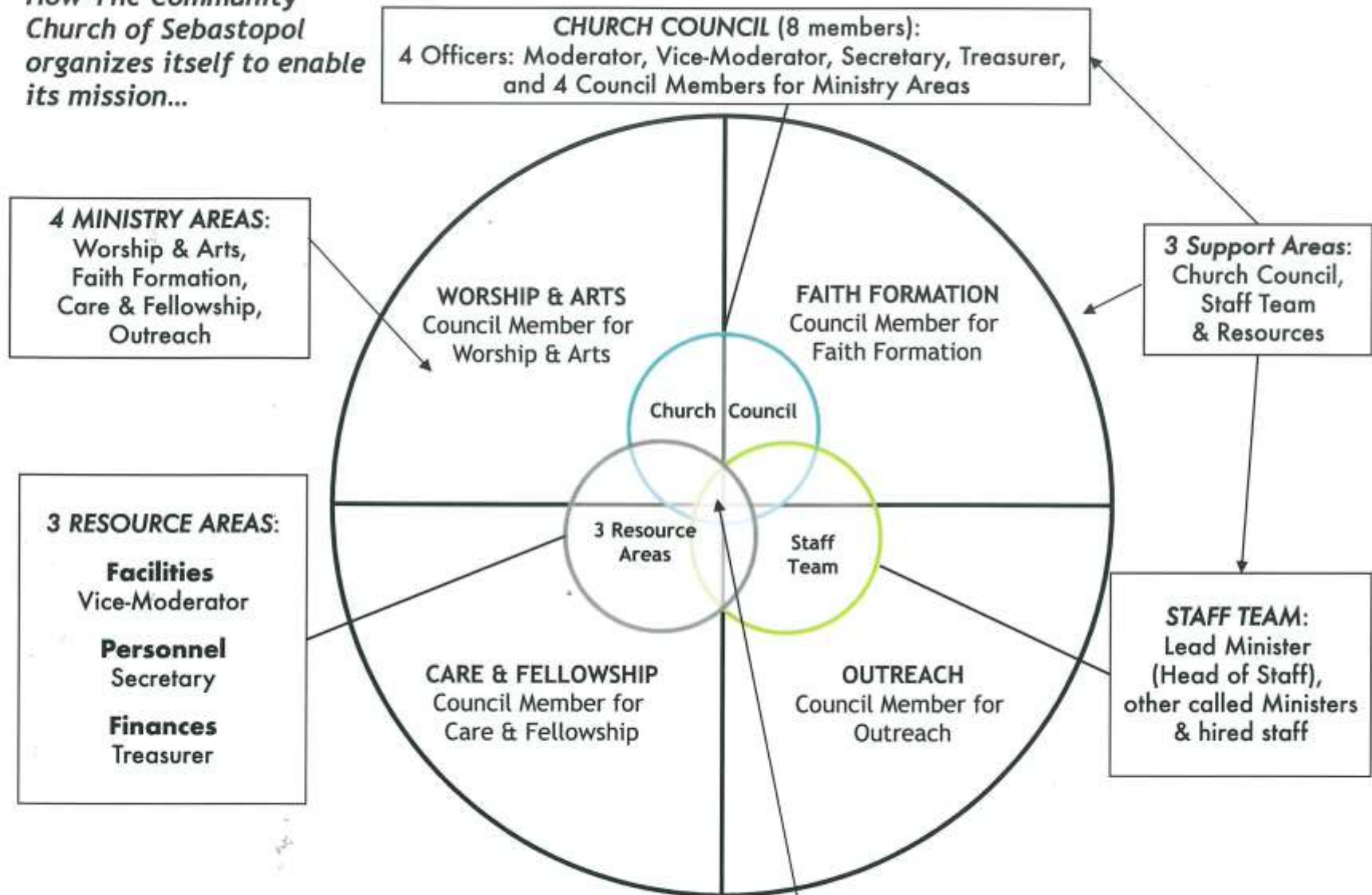
### ***Next Steps:***

- *Learn more.* We will continue to make presentations at committee meetings and after worship on Sundays.
- *Ask questions.* Contact either of us or any Council person.
- *Vote.* It is our hope to bring this change to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in January.
- *Give feedback.* We want this process to be as transparent as possible. Let us know if we're doing a good job and how we can improve.

(See Governance model on reverse side)

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