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**Family Camp
Registration!**



MAY 2018



Getting on the Balcony

by Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister

Imagine you're on a dancefloor in a crowd of people. Some around you are dancing in couples, others alone, and still others in groups. You notice their clothes and hairstyles and ages (you're guessing) and their dance moves. After a while, you see a balcony overlooking the event and you decide to go up. From the balcony, you see things you hadn't noticed before – people coming in and going out, others sitting along the edges, and the way the whole group moves as a single organism to sound of the music.

Richard Heifetz says that leaders need to "Get on the Balcony" to see an organization as a whole and provide leadership from that perspective. Last month, our congregation adopted a major revision of our church's Bylaws, enabling a new governance structure which now includes a Leadership Council. An important role of the eight council members is to "get on the balcony" to get a wider perspective as leaders of our congregation. This won't happen in one meeting, or even a few meetings. Leadership is a continuous process of noticing and asking and listening and experimenting.

So pray for the newly elected members of our Leadership Council as begin their work. And remember that, as members of the church and followers of Jesus, all of us are ministers, that is, servant-leaders of our congregation and the wider world.

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.



Name Tags?



If your name tag has come up missing, let us know so we can get you a new one! 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 _____



Minister of Music, Brian Plaucher 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: _____

MAY 2018 WORSHIP

Worship happens Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Children's Worship in the Chapel follows Children's Message except on the first Sunday of each month when we gather for Multi-Generational worship

May 6 – 6th Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday

We gather for multi-generational worship with Holy Communion and the Chancel Choir presents "Sing a Jubilant Song" by Jim Stanton. Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches on Acts 1:6-11, "Up, Up, Up."

May 8 – Ascension Day Service of Lament & Comfort

A contemplative service for all ages in the chapel at 6:00 p.m.

May 13 – 7th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

New Members join, the Handbell Ensemble plays, and Rev. Broadbent preaches on Acts 1:12-14, "The Importance of 'Certain Women.'" We will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special offering of the United Church of Christ.

May 20 – Pentecost Sunday / Faith Formation Sunday

Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister for Children & Families, preaches on Acts 2:1-13, "Babbling Truth." We will again be receiving the Strengthen the Church special offering of the United Church of Christ.

May 27 – Trinity Sunday

On this Memorial Day Weekend, the Chancel Choir sings "I'm Gonna Sing" by Andre Thomas and Rev. Brian Plaucher, Minister of Music preaches on the of Nicodemus in John 3. Meanwhile our Middle Schoolers worship on the beach in Monterey.

Coming in June... Musician Appreciation Sunday, MADD Camp Sunday, Annual Gathering of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, summer liturgy with guest musicians.



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| Lisa Dawson | Gavin Christy |
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Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to participate in Women's Fellowship. Our focus is to promote fellowship and service. Our card writing ministry meets on the second Wednesday of the month. We meet at the Sebastopol Senior Center for lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Wednesday, May 9

Card Writing Ministry meets at 3pm in the Women's Fellowship Office. Bring your favorite pen and any extra cards you may have. Thank you to the April card writers!

Thursday, May 24

Meet at the Sebastopol Sr. Center at 11:45 to enjoy a delicious lunch for just \$4. Call **Dale Phillips** at (707)695-0717 to reserve your spot by Monday, May 21.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

May 21

A group of prayerful, enthusiastic knitters/crocheters met on April 16 to begin our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The shawls are for comfort, outreach and sharing spiritual bonds, prayers for encouragement and community. When finished, the shawls are given away to anyone who might need a reminder that they are loved and cared for.



We will continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm in the Fireside Room. Our next meeting will be May 21. Patterns to knit or crochet a prayer shawl are available in the church office for work at home. Contact Joanne Matson 707.823.5249 or **Chris Jenkins** 707.829.2330 for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is on break until September – but maybe you would like to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month for our new Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10 am to 12 pm in the Fireside Room.



Questions? Please contact **Joanne Matson** at 823-5249.



New Life for Your Old Eyeglasses / Hearing Aids



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**, 707.861.9444.

Apple Pies Event

August 9-10-11-12, 2018



Mark your calendar for this fun multi-generational event August 9-12 as we prepare and bake hundreds of Gravenstein apple pies for the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Not only is this event fun, but all proceeds fund our camp scholarships for Youth Summer Camps and Family Camp at Camp Cazadero.



Northern California Nevada Conference
United Church of Christ

Summer Camps 2018

At Camp Cazadero

You & Me Camp (ENTERING GRADES 1-3) **July 6-8**

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 1-3. Each child may bring up to 2 adults. Check out registration and special pricing at www.ncncucc.org. Plus we offer a great Apple Pie Scholarship for our You & Me Campers!

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 4-6) **July 15-21**

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 7-9) **July 22- 28**

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 10-12) **July 8-14**

At Camp Tamarack

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 4-6) **July 15-21**

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 7-9) **July 22-28**

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 10-12) **July 29- Aug 4**

Check www.ncncucc.org for more information and to download registration and health forms. You may want to download the forms and pay by mail to avoid electronic registration fees.

Apple Pie Scholarships are available for all our campers – call the church office to sign up to help at our Apple Pies event (Aug 9-12, 2018) and earn \$\$ for camp!

Community Church of Sebastopol's FAMILY CAMP:
Aug 31 - Sept 1 & 2, 2018

Registration form in this newsletter!

Godly Play is Happening At 9:00am!

Our Godly Play program continues in May, through May 20, for children Preschool-5th grade, in Room 5 at 9:00am. May 26 and June 3 will be multi-gen worship Sundays. Look for our summer Godly Play to move to the 10:30 worship hour beginning June 10.

9 am May 6	Parable of Parables	<i>Storyteller:</i> Sophia Broadbent-Bell <i>Storyteller Supervisor:</i> Pastor Rachel <i>Door Helper:</i> Sheina Curtis
9 am May 13	Mary, Mother of Jesus	<i>Storyteller:</i> Sophia Broadbent-Bell <i>Storyteller Supervisor:</i> Pastor Rachel <i>Door Helper:</i> OPEN
9 am May 20	Story of Pentecost	<i>Storyteller:</i> Tamar Knuth <i>Storyteller Supervisor:</i> Pastor Rachel <i>Door Helper:</i> OPEN

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." We are looking for more Storytellers and Door Helpers who are available to help lead the program. If you're interested in joining our Godly Play ministry, please contact **Pastor Rachel:** rachelknuth@uccseb.org.



Summer Children's Program

Godly Play continues this summer, during the 10:30am worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children and leaders will walk to Room 5 for Godly Play. For more information, or to sign up to be a Storyteller or Door Helper in Godly Play, please contact **Pastor Rachel:** rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

Children's Worship

Children's Worship for May

Hymn of the Month: "In Christ There is No East or West"

May 6 Multi-Gen Worship and Holy Communion – children will stay in worship with their families.

May 13 Eastertide *Minister:* Pastor Rachel
Musician: Vicki Reno & the UkeStars
2 Shepherds: Jeff Boal and Leslie Wood

May 20 Pentecost: Christian Symbol Stones
Minister: Pastor Rachel
Musician: OPEN
2 Shepherds: Terri Harper and OPEN

Children are a vital 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 lead the group 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.

We are grateful for all the volunteers who help in Children's Worship! To get involved, contact **Pastor Rachel:** rachelknuth@uccseb.org.



Faith Formation Sunday is May 20th

All volunteers who have participated in any educational programming during the 2017-18 program year will receive a special blessing during worship on May 20th! Our church is grateful for your ministry in faith formation with our children, youth, and adults!

MADD Music Art Dance Drama Vacation Bible Camp

June 11-15 from 9 am to 12 pm for ages 4-10
with a special presentation during worship on June 17

Dress-up Days ★ Dancing ★ Singing / Music Crafts ★ Fun Discoveries

Co-sponsored by the Children's Ministry Team & Youth Groups at the
Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC

Early bird registration before May 14 - \$115 per child

After May 14, \$125 per child or \$25 per day.

Registration closes: June 4

Ask about our sibling discount & scholarship information.

MADD Camp – Save the Dates!

Our church's Vacation Bible School camp, which we call MADD Camp for Music, Art, Dance, and Drama, will be the week of June 11-15th, including leadership in the worship service on Sunday, June 17th. The MADD Camp theme this year is "The Prodigal Child," and registration is now open: www.uccseb.org.

And... if you are a Middle or High School student who's interested in volunteering as a Camp Counselor, we will have two required training days to prepare for camp: Sunday, June 3rd, 12-2:30pm (with pizza!) and Saturday, June 9th, 10am-12:30pm (with pizza!).

And Also...! We are looking for a Volunteer Snack Guru for MADD Camp. The Volunteer Snack Guru would provide a hearty (sugar-free) snack every day, mid-morning, for approximately 30 children and teenagers, taking care of preparing, serving, and cleaning up from the snack. The Volunteer Snack Guru would be reimbursed for purchases related to snacks. Please contact Pastor Rachel for further details.

For more information about our MADD Camp program, or if you'd like to be an adult volunteer during camp hours, please contact **Pastor Rachel** at rachelknuth@uccseb.org

Service of Lament & Comfort

Tuesday, May 8 ♦ 6 pm ♦ Faith Chapel



Lament: A passionate expression of sorrow or grief, often in music, poetry, or song form.

People of all ages are invited to this hour-long service. In this service, guided by the wisdom of Biblical Psalms, we follow a path from Orientation (basic trust in God), into Disorientation (lament), toward Re-orientation (new trust in God). A safe space will be created to acknowledge and express sorrow concerning a change in life-stage, anxiety about the wider world, a recent loss, or grief inexplicable. Pastor Ben and a small team will lead the service which includes music, ritual, readings of psalms and periods of silence.

For more info or to arrange transportation, contact **Nancy Shimetz** at 707.823.4242 or nshimetz@gmail.com.

Volunteer Position: Worship Tools Table Coordinator

Pastor Rachel is looking for a Volunteer to tend the Worship Tools Table. Responsibilities include partnering with Rachel to create awesome Worship Tools that engage children in worship, maintaining the table every week (sharpening pencils and tidying up), and occasionally finding additional volunteers who might help make new Worship Tools. For more information, please contact **Pastor Rachel** at rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

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 contact **Vicki Reno** at 707.827.3668 or by email: vreno@comcast.net.



Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith Continues!

What is OWL?

Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith (OWL) is a comprehensive sexuality program created by our denomination, the UCC, alongside the Unitarians. Our religious heritages compel us to create safe settings where people can come to understand and respond to their experiences as sexual beings. OWL is a series of sexuality education curricula for six age groups: grades K-1, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, young adult, and adult. The program provides an opportunity for children, youth, and adults to learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our church. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, it provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but also supports participants in clarifying values, integrating sexual and spiritual understandings, building interpersonal skills, and understanding the spiritual, emotional, social, and political aspects of sexuality.

Why is our church hosting an OWL Training?

Our church is gearing up to be a host site for training leaders in OWL this July. Both UCC and UUA (Unitarian) churches will be sending leaders to be trained at the Community Church. We (the Community Church OWL Team, a sub-group of the Children's Faith Formation Team) have hired two high-quality trainers, who will lead a weekend-long intensive in OWL. What this means is that our church is providing space, hospitality, and training for OWL leaders to go back to their home churches and lead OWL programs for grades 7-9 & 10-12 in the upcoming year. There are already host families from our church opening their homes to people attending our training, and the OWL Team is working hard to register and prepare for the training. Hosting an OWL Training really puts us on the map as a church that supports holistic sexuality education! Hurrah!

What's Happening in OWL at our Church Next Program Year?

Informational Meeting June 3 ♦ 9 am

Our own church will be offering OWL for 8-9th Graders during the 2018-19 program year. Parents of rising 8-9th graders are invited to an informational meeting in the Chapel on June 3rd at 9am. At this

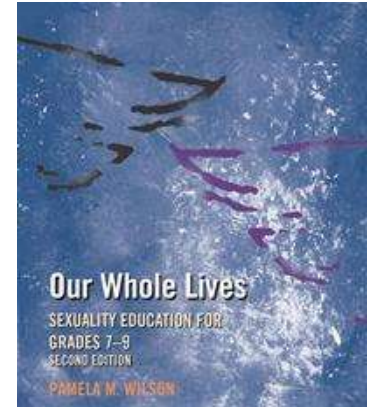
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OWL at our Church

meeting you'll have a chance to preview the curriculum books, get an overview of the program, and meet the leaders. Come learn more about what OWL is all about! (There will be an official Orientation for Parents and Students in the Fall, before the program begins).

We are delighted to announce our OWL co-leaders Andy DelMonte and Kendall Tripathi-Clark who will be leading OWL with our 8-9th graders in the fall.



Congratulations to our New Leadership Council

The following slate of nominees were accepted at the Congregational Meeting on April 15 – pray for them as they begin their important work:

Council Officers:

Moderator: Nancy Shimetz
Facilities (Vice Moderator): Larry Stallings
Personnel (Secretary): Kathy Bell
Finances (Treasurer): John Henel

Council Members:

Worship & Arts: Becca Emerson
Faith Formation: Linda Inman
Care & Fellowship: Bobbie Johanson
Outreach: Michael Ott

Nominating Committee:

Joyce Cox ♦ Chris Dawson ♦ Patty Raney ♦ Judy Rice ♦ Roger Wilson
Denelle Tognozzi was appointed Clerk

Barbara Deedler was recognized at the April 15 meeting for her service as Clerk – serving 29 years recording the history of the Community Church. Many past moderators were on hand to personally thank Barbara for her dedication and service. A job well done!



MISSION & OUTREACH

The next meeting of Mission & Outreach will be on Monday, May 14 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. You may contact our Mission & Outreach team by email: outreach@uccseb.org.

2018 Adult Mission Trip to Lake County

Adult Mission Trip may still be room for you to join the group in Lake County June 3-9 to Lake County. All skill levels are welcome. Contact **Joyce Cox** at 707.829.0750 for more information. Applications here: <https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2018.LakeCountyApplication.pdf>.

Become a Garbage Patch Kid

The Clean River Alliance is an organization that likes to talk trash . . . removing trash, that is! CRA has organized a public cleanup on May 19th from 10 am to Noon at the Santa Rosa Creek in downtown Santa Rosa. They provide equipment, water and snacks.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is inviting all ages and abilities to help clean up the creek bed and along the paved pathways of the Prince Memorial Greenway. We will carpool from the church, leaving at 9:30 am. Contact outreach@uccseb.org to sign up.

Second Saturday Lunch

On the second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Fellowship Hall to local hungry folks. Help is always needed, contact **Joanne Matson** at 707.823.5249 to offer your

Bag Lunch Preparation

Bag lunches for the homeless & hungry are prepared Mon - Thu by Sebastopol Christian Church. Help is needed to meet preparing 6 additional bags each week, contact outreach@uccseb.org to help.

Rapid Response

Rapid responses in support of people targeted by ICE raids include serving on an Accompaniment Team or as a Legal Observer. Trained teams from Community Church are forming and you are invited to join. Learn more after worship on Sun, Apr 29, in the Fireside Room. Interested but can't make the meeting? Contact **Joyce Cox** at 707.829.0750 or b-j-cox@att.net.

♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥

♥ Thank you to **Kathy Manchester** and **Eva Norton** for taking care of the name tag board. ♥ Thank you to **Stuart Mitchell** for taking all the photos that have appeared on our bulletin board in the church entry and to **Joyce Cox** for putting the bulletin boards together. ♥ Thank you to **Bob Holland** for getting our watering system up to snuff and leak free. ♥ Thank you to **Patty & Keenan Foster, Barbara Whitson, Garth Watson** and helpers for the beautiful spring color in our garden. ♥ Thank you to **Mike Moore** for picking up our Easter Lilies and setting them up for us. ♥ Thank you to **Muriel Weaver** for putting our visitor bags together. ♥ Thank you to **Eva Norton** for providing brunch snacks for our choirs and clergy on Easter morning to help them through three services! ♥ Thank you to **Kathy Matthies** for making sure the sanctuary was beautifully draped in the appropriate colors for the seasons. ♥ Thank you to **Kathy Bell** and **Kathy Matthies** for coordinating the Easter lily deliveries to homes and to all our volunteers who made the deliveries. ♥ Thank you to **Gail Thomas** for coordinating the flowers and palms through Lent and Easter. ♥ Thank you to all our talented



musicians for our wonderful Easter music for all three services! ♥ Thank you to **Bobbie Johanson** and **Chris Jenkins** for helping collate the newsletter. ♥ Thank you to **Joanne Matson** for her weekly help in the office and to **Norma Watson** for helping while Joanne sported a cast on her arm. ♥ Thank you to **Kim Buckman** for installing our new mailbox on the north end of

campus. ♥ Thank you to all of you who bring in goodies to add to our Coffee Hour. ♥ Thank you to **Steve Beck** for managing our attendance module in ACS each week. ♥ Thank you to **Doris Rowe** for working between Easter services to get the pews ready for the next service. ♥ Thank you to **Gary Bachelor** for working on reinstating our Safe Parking Program – be sure to see (elsewhere in this newsletter) how you can help with this vital project that is so important to Sonoma County.

♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥

Men's Group Monthly Meeting: MAY 2

Attendees of the Men's Retreat invite you to join a monthly men's group, meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. We meet at 5:30 pm for dinner in the Youth Lounge, meeting at 6 pm. The group will engage in a series of prayer, study and common action – a unique opportunity to reflect on one's faith journey and make a deeper commitment to Christ. No reservations needed – see you on May 2. Contact *Larry Stallings* with any questions 650.283.0941.

The group is currently planning a Men's Retreat – stay tuned for more!



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Our 3-time World Champion San Francisco Giants are ready for a new season of winning and we have tickets for two games! We are in Club Level, section 231, rows C & D for both games – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of transportation (\$86 + \$30) or you can just pay for the ticket and find your own way to the ballpark. Call Karin in the church office to sign up at 823-2484 or office@uccseb.org. Both games start at 12:45 with our ride leaving Sebastopol by 10 am.

Thursday, June 28: SF Giants vs. Colorado Rockies & Tuesday, August 7: SF Giants vs. Houston Astros.



Church Directories Available

We have updated **2018 Church Directories** available in the church office – come pick one up! And if you have any changes in your contact information, please let **Karin** in the church office know: office@uccseb.org or 707.823.2484.



During the summer months, our church choirs and music groups are on summer hiatus, providing you the opportunity to help shape worship for at least one Sunday this summer. 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 our worship experience.

Please fill in the form below indicating your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of Sundays. Our Minister of Music, Rev. Brian Plaugher, will contact you to secure the date. The completed form may be left in the collection plate or in the church office.



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

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Music plans (solo, folk band, etc) _____

June 10 _____	Aug 5 _____
June 24 _____	Aug 12 _____
July 1 _____	Aug 19 _____
July 8 _____	Aug 26 _____
July 15 _____	Sept 2 _____
July 29 _____	

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday choice for Summer Music. Brian Plaugher will contact you to arrange the date.



Middle School Mission Trip

The Middle School Youth will be traveling to Monterey, California over the Memorial Holiday Weekend, May 26-28 with leaders Pastor Benjamin and Blythe Osner. The group will participate in a Service Learning Experience with Blue Theology (<http://www.bluetheology.com>) and work with the staff in a beach clean-up, aquarium visit, bonfire and learning about ocean ecology and creation care from a Christian perspective. Keep the group in your prayers for a safe journey as they share their long-weekend living and working for their faith.



Summer Host Families Wanted!

The Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith Team is looking to curate a list of people willing to host individuals attending the OWL/SOF training that our church will offer this summer. The date of the training is July 27-29. If you would be willing to open your home to someone who's here for OWL training, please contact **Kristen DelMonte** at kristendelmonte@gmail.com.



Summer Artwork

During the Summer of 2018, our worship will focus on "Bursting the Bubble." We will be taking on topics such as gun violence, reproductive freedom, systemic racism, and climate change. We are asking church members to share original art pieces to include on our bulletin covers that convey thinking outside the box, bursting the bubble, reimagining what is possible.

Please submit your artwork as a high resolution digital photo to **Karin Seder**, Office Manager, at office@uccseb.org, by June 1. You may also bring your artwork into the office to be scanned. If you have questions about the overall project, contact **Pastor Benjamin** at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org or 719.238.5347.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers add beauty to our worship space and are a wonderful way for you to honor a special person in your life. Sign up on the flower chart in the church narthex to sponsor flowers (\$75) and Karin in the church office will contact you and prepare a note to be included in the Sunday worship bulletin. A member of the Flower Committee will contact you for any special requests and prepare a beautiful arrangement you can take home with you after church.



Safe Parking Volunteers Needed

Homelessness is an ongoing problem in our county and has been made worse by the fires of last year.

The Community Church, with help from Catholic Charities in Santa Rosa, will be restarting our Safe Parking program. Safe Parking will allow people that have no other place to sleep, other than in their car, to stay the night in a safe environment on our church property. The program will allow up to 5 vehicles to park from 8:00pm to 8:00am. Many participating in this program are families with jobs and children attending school. All participants will be screened by Catholic Charities and must participate in Catholic Charities' intake program to avail themselves to services that will hopefully find them a home.

Safe Parking at our church will only work if we have Site Volunteers. Site Volunteers will be needed to welcome participants, show them where to park, provide them with a Safe Parking Dashboard Placard and show them how to get access to bathrooms. Site Volunteers would also be asked to drive through the lot once a night to see that only vehicles registered in the program are on the premises.

Our goal is to have enough volunteers so no single volunteer would be needed more than one night a week.

Please consider helping us do our part for our neighbors in need. This is such a small gesture on our part and provides the means of helping a family regain their footing in the community. Contact **Gary Bachelor** 707 235 3582.

UCC Golden Gate Association

The Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC is a member of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and more specifically, our church resides within the area of the Golden Gate Association of the UCC.

The Golden Gate Association is one of six Associations in the Northern California Nevada Conference. We are a community of people and 36 UCC churches along the Pacific coast from the Oregon border to the Santa Clara, California border, including San Francisco and the San Mateo Peninsula.



With the advent of modern technology, you now have the opportunity to serve on the board of the Golden Gate Association and you don't even need to drive to a meeting – you can commute to the meeting electronically by either phone or via video with your computer.

Rev. Joseph Shore-Goss, Interim Pastor UCC at the United Church of Christ Petaluma serves on

the nominating committee and would love to hear from you! Become a representative and connect to the wider church. Distance is no longer an excuse - join and represent our congregation as part of the Golden Gate association board.

To find out more, contact Rev. Joseph Shore-Goss: revjshoregoss@sonic.net to find out more



Check us out on **Facebook** at: <https://www.facebook.com/uccseb> and visit our website: <https://www.uccseb.org/>

Director of Youth Ministry POSITION OPEN

The Community Church of Sebastopol, a progressive, Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ, seeks a Director of Youth Ministry to join our collaborative team of youth ministry volunteers and pastoral staff as we continue a tradition of dynamic youth ministry in Sonoma County. Help nurture and evolve our programs for Middle and High School Youth as part of a congregation that isn't afraid to believe, ask questions, and put our faith into action.



- Job Posting: April 15, 2018
- Closing: May 31, 2018
- Scope of Position: 15 hours/week
- Pay Rate: Starts @ \$17.31/hr
- Start date: August 1, 2018
- Send resume to: pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org by May 31
- Job description and qualifications can be found online:

<https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2018.Director.of.Youth.Ministry.Posting.pdf>

Prayers of the People

Prayers for... **Lizann Bassham**, cancer treatment; **Glenda Elvy**, healing from a stroke; **Barbara Walton**, healing from surgery; **Kevin Bench**, for peace in his final days; **Uncle Toby**, eye surgery; **Will Plaugher**, on a cross-country bike trip; for **John Peterson**, brother-in-law of Jan Sweeney, returned to the hospital with complications following heart surgery; **Daphne M**, diagnosed with lung cancer; **Alec Isabeau**, still battling cancer after four years; **Larry Robert**, who fell off a ladder and is healing from broken ribs and a collapsed lung; **Kevin Stupfel**, severe sinus infection; **Lynn Deedler**, recovering from multiple broken bones; **Birgit Quezada**, recovering from illness; **Heather, Jake & family**, beginning new adventure in Oswego, NY; gratitude for all participants in the **March for Our Lives**.

Condolences to... the family of **Priscilla Best** who died in April; the family of **Tom Griffin** who died recently; friends and family of **Faith Lepori** who died in March; the family of **Trevor Duhon**, who died of cancer. **2018 CHURCH STAFF TEAM & PROGRAM LEADERS**

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Role/Ministry/Program	Name
Lead Minister	Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Associate Minister	Rev. Rachel Knuth
Youth Director	<i>Open</i>
Minister of Music	Rev. Brian Plaughter
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Nursery Attendants	Various
Office Manager	Karin Seder
Custodian	Keith Blackstone
Bookkeeper	Jennifer Halleck
Internal Auditor	Ann Butterfield
Wedding Coordinator	Various
Memorial Service Coordinator	Various
Event Host	Various
Women's Fellowship Ministry	Chris Jenkins
Kindred Group Ministry	Open
Visitation Ministry	Joanne Matson
Women's Retreat	Various
Men's Retreat	Warren Brisbin
Family Camp	Various
Adult Mission Trip	Joyce Cox
Women's Bible Study	Joanne Matson
Apple Pies	Kathy Bell
Food Pantry	Suzanne Albin
Church Library	Various

2018 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & TEAM CHAIRS

Role/Committee/Team	Chair
Moderator	Nancy Shimetz
Council Officer for Facilities	Larry Stallings
Council Officer for Personnel	Kathy Bell
Council Officer for Finances	John Henel
Council Member for Worship & Arts	Becca Emerson
Council Member for Faith Formation	Linda Inman
Council Member for Care & Fellowship	Bobbie Johanson
Council Member for Outreach	Mike Ott
Clerk	Denelle Tognozzi
Facility Committee	Chris & Lisa Dawson
Finance Committee	Terry Beck
Mission & Outreach Committee	Joyce Cox
Memorial & Endowment Committee	Nathan Knuth
Personnel Committee	Pat Furber
Nominating Committee	Jane Huneke
Children's Faith Formation Team	Brooke Bell
Youth Faith Formation Team	Debbie McCallum
Adult Faith Formation Team	Gail Thomas
Pastor Parish Relations Teams	Caitie Carciere & Joanne Matson
Worship Support Team	Sohni Yaylian
Stewardship Team	Open
Insurance Coordinator	Tony Given
Grounds Team	Barbara Whitson
Marketing Team	Open
Church History	Open
Membership Team	Jane Huneke

Youth News

May 2018!!

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

High School Youth (Grades 9-12)

May 5 & 6 – High School Youth Work Party at Caz!

Camp Caz overnight work party, May 5 & 6, for High School Youth.

No cost! Food, fun, and friends.

Sign up with **Kathy Bell** 707.823.9736

May 6 – Middle School Youth Group

9 - 10:15 AM Middle School – Youth Lounge

May 13 – Happy Mother's Day!

Enjoy the day off from youth group and enjoy time with the mother figures in your life.

May 20 – Middle & High School Youth

Our final Youth Group gathering of the program year!

Come join the Youth Committee as they host a fantastic end of the year party for both group after church at 12 noon!

May 26-28 – Middle School Mission Trip to Monterey

Space is limited so make sure to sign up now with **Pastor Benjamin**.

MADD Camp counselors needed (Middle & High School-aged) for

MADD Camp Mon-Fri, June 11-15. To volunteer, contact **Pastor**

Rachel at rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

Have you can signed up for Summer Camp yet?? Those Early Bird prices don't last forever!! Register for camp and sign up to work Apple Pies to earn 1/3 off the early bird registration – call **Karin** in the office: 707.823.2484 or office@uccseb.org to get the discount code.

And here's a tip: plan to mail in your registration and avoid up to \$27 in processing fees with the on-line registration.

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.

Sunday Mornings Faith Formation thru May 20

A Place for Everyone at 9 am

Who	What	Where
Children Ages 0-3	Nursery Care	Nursery – Room 4
Children Preschool-Grade 5	Godly Play	Rooms 5 & 6
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

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.



MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 5th Sunday of Easter 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 9:00 AM Zambia Presentation 10:30 AM Community Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 11:45 AM New Member Orientation Lunch	30	1 7:00 PM Facilities Committee	2 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble 6:00 PM Men's Group	3 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grief Group	4 10:00 AM UkeStars	5 8:00 AM Council Orientation High School Youth at Caz
6 6th Sunday of Easter 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Multi-Gen Worship High School Youth at Caz	7	8 4:00 PM Pastor-Parish Relations Team 6:00 PM Ascension Service of Lament	9 10:00 AM Staff Team 3:00 PM Women's Fellowship 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	10 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grief Group	11 10:00 AM UkeStars	12 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch
13 7th Sunday of Easter New Members Received 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 9:30 AM Faith In Action Team (FIAT) 10:30 AM Community Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship	14 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	15 7:00 PM Finance Committee	16 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	17 11:30 AM Women's Fellowship Lunch @ Seb. Senior Center 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grief Group	18 10:00 AM UkeStars	19 9:30 AM Carpool to the SR Creek Clean-up 10:00 AM FIAT Rapid Response Training
20 Pentecost & Faith Formation Sunday 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Community Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 12:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Group	21 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry	22	23 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Church Council	24 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grief Group	25 10:00 AM UkeStars	26 8:00 AM Middle School Mission Trip in Monterey
27 Trinity Sunday Middle School Mission Trip in Monterey 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Muti-Gen Worship	28 Memorial Day - Office Closed 4:00 PM Middle School Mission Trip Returns	29	30 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	31 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grief Group	1 10:00 AM UkeStars	2

Faith Formation Hour @ 9 am Sundays thru May 20

Godly Play, Preschool-Grade 5, Rooms 5 & 6
 Middle School Youth, Grades 6-8, Youth Lounge
 Breakfast Club, Parents, Fellowship Hall
 Sunday Bible Class, Adults, Fireside Room



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL Family Camp

AUG 31 & SEPT 1&2, 2018

Join us at Family Camp – the ‘family’ in Family Camp is our church family – singles, doubles, traditional families, non-traditional families and parts of families are all welcome! Come join our big family and all the fun at Family Camp!

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

**Family Camp
All Ages Welcome!**

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

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

- We request a \$50 non-refundable deposit
- Volunteer for Apple Pies and earn 30% discount
- Camp fees include use of facilities, two nights lodging, six meals and all materials
- Saturday Only includes day use of facilities, 3 meals and all materials
- Additional scholarships available – call the church office at 823-2484
- Mail registration & check to Community Church
P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473

Camp Fees

Total cost for my family \$ _____
Additional amount I can contribute \$ _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____
Balance due \$ _____

Must be paid in full by August 23

Family Camp Fee Schedule

Actual Family Camp Cost

\$ 95 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$150 Individuals 12+
\$490 Family Rate (one household)

Apple Pies Camp Discount

\$ 60 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$100 Individuals 12+
\$324 Family Rate (one household)

Saturday Only (includes 3 meals)

\$35 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$45 Individuals 12+

Volunteering for our Apples Pies event earns you a 30% Camp Scholarship! Call the church office now or email: office@uccseb.org to sign up. The Apple Pies event is **FUN** – with something for all ages, plus, you earn a great camp discount! Volunteer for Apple Pies – August 9-10-11-12.

We offer additional scholarships to individuals for whom, after working Apple Pies, find that camp fees may still present a hardship. We want everyone who would like to go - be able to attend Family Camp. Contact Karin in

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