

# SALT & LIGHT

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### A Tale of Two Pledges

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

The theme of this year's annual pledge drive is "A Future with Hope." As we emerge from a two-year pandemic, we are building momentum and are asking members and friends of Community Church to make a generous pledge in support of the 2023 Local Ministries and Wider Mission of our congregation.

A pledge is a commitment, an estimate of what resources a person or household is planning to give. Pledges are important

because this is how a church can create its upcoming annual budget.

In our congregation, pledged gifts have historically made up about 75% of our overall revenue. With-

out the financial gifts from members and friends there would be no Community Church. It is simply how we fund what we do.

If you have completed a pledge card in the past 6 years, you know that the Gratitude and Generosity Team asks you to consider making not one but two pledges. One is to the church's Local Ministries, which includes salaries, facilities, and program expenses. Formerly this may have been called "Operating," but we think that we are not just helping the church to operate like a machine. We are funding ministries that make a difference in people's lives.

The second pledge is to Wider Mission, which includes the variety of ways our church serves our wider communities. Our Wider Mission funds have supported these important efforts:

- Inter-Church Food Pantry – Founded by our congregation and originally housed on our campus, the pantry is now located at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church off of Bodega Hwy. Providing groceries to our local neighbors, this pantry is the primary recipient of our local Mission Outreach funds.
- Wider settings of the United Church of Christ – Our denomination includes local, regional, national, and global setting. Our basic support is part of our covenant with the churches of the Golden Gate Association, and with the Northern California-Nevada Conference, the national offices in Cleveland, and the Global Ministries office in Indianapolis.
- North Bay Organizing Project – As a founding and continuing member of NBOP, our financial support enables advocacy work in Sonoma County on behalf of immigrants, farm workers, climate activists, and low-income housing.

Additionally, Wider Mission pledged gifts allows our Outreach Committee to make additional grants to organizations that share our congregation's commitment to justice and peace, including these 2021 recipients:



## OCTOBER 2022 WORSHIP

We worship in the sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Services live streamed on our church's YouTube channel & Facebook page. Weekly bulletin and announcements available at [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org).

### **October 2 – World Communion Sunday**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with Christian congregations throughout the world. Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister, preaches and the Chancel Choir shares choral pieces from Nigeria and Spain. The Gospel lesson for the day is Luke 17:5–10.

### **October 9 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost / Annual Appeal Kick-Off**

This morning, as some of our members worship as part of the Women's Retreat, we kick off our annual pledge drive in support of the 2023 Local Ministry and Wider Mission of our congregation. A group of our youth, led by Andy Del-Monte, sings Jewel's "My Hands." Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on Luke 17:11–19 entitled "One Thing More: Grateful Hearts."

### **October 16 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Today we begin receiving pledges as part of our worship during the time of offering. The Chancel Choir sings and Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Luke 18:1–8 entitled "Badgering as an Act of Faith."

### **October 23 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost**

This week, while some members worship as part of the Men's Retreat, we will welcome new members into our congregation and the Handbell Ensemble will share worship music. Pastor Rachel preaches a sermon on Luke 18:9–14 entitled "Blessed if We Do, Blessed if We Don't".

### **October 30 – All Saints/Souls Sunday**

In our worship today, we will remember our beloved who have died. Framed pictures of loved ones will be displayed and votive candles will be available for lighting. Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Luke 19:1–10 entitled "Remembering Who They Were (and Who We Are)."

Coming in November... Gratitude Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Reign of Christ Sunday, First Sunday of Advent

### **Gift Bag Ministry**



It is getting close to that time of the year when Mission and Outreach start planning for our yearly holiday gift bag ministry to over 150 recipients at the Sam Jones homeless shelter on Finely Avenue, Santa Rosa. Through the years and your generosity, this giving program has been very successful and warmly appreciated by those most in need. This year we would like your help in bag donations. If you could look for bags about the size of a grocery bag 16-20"Hx16"Wx8"D, purchase as many as you are able and donate to the supply we need. For further information contact **Joyce Cox** 829-0750. A Donation Box is located in the church entry.

## A Tale of Two Pledges cont...

- Reparation Project of the Arlington United Church of Christ to help low-income people of color with down payments to buy a home.
- Jewish Free Clinic, providing free health care to anyone.
- VIDAS, providing legal representation to immigrants.
- West County Accompaniment Team in support of a family from Honduras living in Sebastopol who is seeking asylum.

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## The Annual Pledge Drive: A Time for Gratitude & Generosity

Bobbie Johanson

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I am serving once again on the Gratitude and Generosity Team. I seem to be one of the few folks who is not shy about talking to church members about making an annual pledge. I ask people to JOIN me in giving because I know it is necessary to keep our church and all its ministries alive. It is also because I feel called to give by my faith. It is Biblical to tithe, and I am happy to be able to give a full tithe joyfully.

Our church is where I can make a difference and take a stand on what is important to me. I want programs for youth, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve our congregation and wider community. It is a home for our congregation where fellowship and friendships flourish. Faith can be explored and given a chance to grow.

Our church is coming back strong after two years of COVID. We have two full-time ministers brimming with faith and energy. Please join me in keeping our church vital in a time when the world needs all the love service we can give. Give your time and talent and also please make a generous pledge for 2023.

## Thresholds

We release with care...

**Virginia Hughes**, beloved church member, who died, July 10. A memorial service will be held November 5, at 2 pm in the sanctuary, and will be available online. All are welcome.

**Dave Morgan**, husband of Daphne Cripps, who died August 25.

**Roger Delgado**, friend of the church, who died September 11.

**John Sweeney**, beloved church member, who died September 12.

**Walt Taddeucchi**, husband of Norma Taddeucchi, who died September 22.

May God's comforting Spirit and the love of our community surround all family and friends as they grieve.

## All-Church Camp Weekend: Connecting-4 Community

Pastor Rachel

Nearly 100 Community Church Members and Friends gathered under the redwoods at Westminster Woods at the end of August. Our theme was "Connect 4" and we connected with each other, with God, and with nature in a beautiful place! Highlights included an herbal medicine workshop, singing and s'mores around the campfire, zen tangle and gratitude chain crafts, coffee talk, a nature hike, finding small groups by nature sounds ("fun-guy" party!), Talent-No Talent (TNT) with "Dinnermission," late night board games, and morning worship under the trees. Huge thanks to the All-Church Camp Planning Team: **Kathy Matthies, Kathy Bell, Sophia Broad bent-Bell, Sheina Curtis, Brian Wetzel, Pastor Rachel**, with encouragement from **Adelyn Chiang-Angulo**. Here are a few photos from the weekend.



## ALL -CHURCH CAMP

### WEEKEND CONT....





- **Bobbie Johanson** for helping **Kathy** with coffee hour.
- **Paul Fiege, Muriel Weaver** and many **others** who contribute to the "Bounty Table."
- **Joy Richards** for going above and beyond assisting with our concerns and requests.
- **Bruce Matson** for working on the lights and all things electrical.
- **Ryan and Allie Hole** for each serving on a committee (Ryan on PPRT and Allie on G&G) while working and caring for four daughters including baby Celeste.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** for providing the baptismal shawl given to **Nico Camara Bagley** on the occasion of his baptism September 11th.
- **Andy DelMonte, the Chancel Choir, Karna Roa, the Handbell Choir and Althea** for making beautiful music.
- **Anonymous donor** for the lovely new handchimes.
- **Kathy Matthies** for the balloons and **Teri Harper** for helping **Pastor Rachel** with the Wondering Circle for our children. Our program year is off to a great start.
- **Joyce Cox** for organizing another adult trip for disaster recovery.
- All-Church Camp Weekend at Westminster Woods was a huge success! Thank you to the Camp Committee for a great weekend. **Pastor Rachel, Kathy Bell, Kathy Matthies, Sheina Curtis, Sophia Broadbent-Bell, Adelyn Chiang-Angulo and Brian Wetzel** organized a great time of making Connections and planning activities for all ages.

## Sack Lunch Program- 10 years of service!

By Chris Jenkins

Our church began this program in 2012 with the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary and The Sebastopol Christian Church in order to help folks with food insecurity in our community. Our dedicated volunteers make 8 sack lunches one or more days a month. Our church provides lunches every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Sunrise Rotary covers every Thursday and Friday. The lunches are delivered between 9:00 and 9:30 am to the kitchen at the Sebastopol Christian Church where they provide a breakfast snack and extra lunches as needed.

Most of our lunch makers have been participating in this program since 2012, including all through the pandemic! Thank you to our current volunteers: **Mary Coleman, Barbara Deedler, Pat Furber, Chris Jenkins, Sharon Olson, Ellen Stillman, Norma Taddeucci and Norma Watson.**

The number of folks experiencing food insecurity in our community has grown over the past ten years as has our need for volunteers. If you feel called to help meet this need and can make 8 sack lunches one day a month, please call or text **Chris Jenkins** at (707)318-2482.

## Church Bounty Table

Starting this spring many people have been contributing to our 'Bounty Table'. Many thanks to **Paul Feige, Muriel Weaver, Norma Watson, Garth Watson and others** for their contributions. Their wonderfully fresh produce is a blessing to our church. If you have a bounty of items from your garden that you would love to share, please bring them to our tables. We encourage people to bring their own bags.



## Honor a Loved One or Special Event

Our Flower Team can provide an arrangement which you can dedicate to a person or an event.

Here's how it works:

- Using the chart in the church narthex, sign your name on an available date.
- Give to the church office, or put in the offering plate, a check for \$50-\$75 payable to "Community Church" with "Chancel Flowers" in the memo line.
- 1-2 weeks prior to the date you selected, the church office will contact you for dedication information and a member of the Flower Team will contact you about the arrangement itself.
- Following the Sunday service, you may either take the arrangement home or request that it be delivered to a homebound member.

The Flower Team has lost a few of our volunteers. If you love to arrange flowers (no expertise required), or just love flowers and how they make worship beautiful, con-

tact **Kathy Matthies** at [kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com) or 707-758-3970. The commitment would be about 4-5 Sundays throughout the year and the Flower Team needs you.



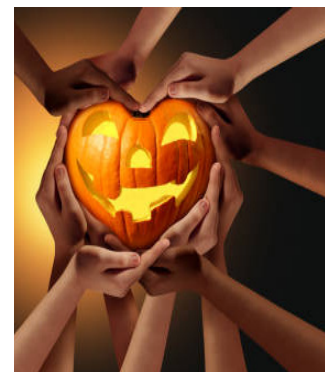
## Older Adult Faith Formation: The Call of Aging

Pastor Rachel

Are you wishing you might be part of a group that considers the spirituality of aging? Did you love coming to last Fall's "CoHo" group for older adults? Do you long to think about what it means to thrive in this phase of life? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, there is a workshop series starting in October that's just for you! Retired UCC Minister, **Rev. Lois Mueller** is offering a series of five Zoom gatherings to sink into the sacred journey of the "third age" of life. **Rev. Mueller** is the former Pastor of Jazz and Justice UCC in Oakland, and has a Master's degree in social work with an emphasis on aging. She's offering a free workshop series entitled "The Call of Aging" that will include film clips, poetry, opportunities to journal, and breakout rooms for discussion. Here is a link to the flyer: [Enliven Deeper Faith: The Call of Aging](#). Sessions are five Thursdays, beginning October 13, 11-12:30 on Zoom. To participate, email **Rev. Mueller** directly at [KMoeller@uchinc.org](mailto:KMoeller@uchinc.org). Registration closes on October 10.

## Fifth Sunday "Pumpkin Party" Intergenerational Lunch with Program on October 30

People of all ages and stages are invited to a Fifth Sunday intergenerational lunch with program on October 30, 12 - 1:30 p.m. in the Fountain Courtyard (Memorial Hall if rain). We'll gather "family-style" around tables for a pumpkin-themed meal, share conversation, decorate pumpkins, and close in prayer. Come enjoy being in community and getting to know new friends across generations. Please [Click Here to RSVP](#), or sign up in the church office, by October 23. For more information or to get involved, please contact Pastor Rachel at [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).



## Meet Karna Roa, Handbell Music Director

Rachel Allen

The melodic sound of bells has brought peace and beauty to our worship services. But who are these gifted musicians standing up at the front? **Meet Karna**, who has been our long-serving Handbell Choir Director since 2002.

**Karna** is a life-long Community Church member who started attending here when she was still in diapers... at about two years old. Her mother, **Linda Roa**, still lives around the corner in their family home, and also plays in the Handbell Choir.

**Karna** has had an enduring connection with music and remembers singing in the children's choir at age 5. She was gifted her first handbell at 10 years old, and in seventh grade she joined the adult choir at Community Church.

**Karna** is a dedicated part of our music program and has given great time and energy to the Church. It may come as a surprise that she lives in the East Bay in Castro Valley, a lengthy 75 miles from Community Church. She travels to Sebastopol for multiple practices and worship services and estimates that she travels up to 8000 miles a year to share her Handbell compositions with the Church. During Covid, **Karna** and the Handbell Choir recorded dozens of unique compositions for our recorded services.

Two years ago, she became a member of Sonos, a professional Handbell Ensemble based in the North Bay, founded approximately 30 years ago. They tour domestically and internationally, and **Karna** recently attended a tour in Southern California and Arizona. A special part of Sonos is connecting with preeminent Handbell Composers and Arrangers whose work she admires. From their website, Sonos explains that being in an ensemble requires each individual musician to work in unison as a 'single instrument'... imagine playing a piano, but with multiple artists playing separate keys while blending notes and rhythm.

Another passion she enjoys is photography. She works as a professional wedding photographer with her business, KMR Photography. **Karna** remembers getting her first camera at age 5 and has always loved taking pictures. Additionally, she is the official photographer for the Handbell Musicians of America group. Prior, she worked as an elementary school teacher in Santa Rosa working in the Music and Gifted-Talented programs.

**Karna** enjoys spending time with her husband **Chris**, daughter **Zoe**, and their uniquely spotted "Oci-Cat" Rayas. Thank you, **Karna** for sharing your background story with us, and also for sharing your musical talents — which always inspire our Community Church!



# Wondering is an Antidote to Despair

Pastor Rachel



I recently heard that “wonder is an antidote to despair.” I’ve been thinking about that a lot lately, there is so much happening in the world and in our personal lives for which despair is a warranted human response. But wondering requires that we get out of the emotional field for a moment, suspending the usual anxieties, to enter the sacred space of curiosity. This, I think, is one way the Holy Spirit flows in our lives—through creativity and daydreaming and, yes— wonder. People of all ages need to be awestruck with wonder!

We are purposefully cultivating this quality in our children, as an approach to scripture, through the Wondering Circle program. After the Children’s Message in worship, all children are invited to Room 5— together the group gathers in song and reflects further on the day’s scripture, through a series of wondering questions. Then we wonder how the story might be created through art, and the children have beautiful art supplies to freely create their own response to the scripture.

In September, a group of trustworthy, background-checked adults participated in a leader training, to get us rolling. At the training we talked about the spiritual lives of children, shared songs, and participated in a sample circle-time. It was so nice to be together again, thoughtfully considering how best to shepherd our children in this program. As we build our capacity to offer Wondering Circle, we’re looking for a few more adults to join our team— and especially encourage parents to get involved— contact **Pastor Rachel** for more information: [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org). In the meantime, here are the Wondering Circle leaders and stories for October— children of all ages are welcome!

DATE	LEADER	HELPER	STORY IN WORSHIP
October 9	<b>Terri Harper</b>		Luke 17:11-19
October 16	<b>Kristen DelMonte</b>		Luke 18:1-8
October 23		<b>Christine Vincent</b>	Luke 18:9-14
October 30	<b>Larry Stallings</b>	<b>Nathan Knuth</b>	Luke 19:1-10

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCT 1	MICHAEL OST	OCT 14	DIANNE MOORE
OCT 2	LAURA STEYN	OCT 14	BIRGIT QUEZADA
OCT 4	LYNN DEEDLER	OCT 14	LARRY STALLINGS
OCT 4	ED GAYLORD	OCT 16	ELYSE MENGLE
OCT 4	SPENCER BABCOCK	OCT 17	RYAN WILSON
OCT 4	WILL PLAUGHER	OCT 17	ELLEN JORDAN
OCT 4	JUSTINE FARLEY	OCT 20	STEVE BECK
OCT 6	ANNIE NELSON	OCT 20	GAVIN BRIGHT
OCT 6	LAURIE MITCHELL	OCT 20	KAYDIN BERNDT
OCT 6	AVA WHITEHORN	OCT 20	BEN RASMUS
OCT 7	LIBBY PLAUGHER	OCT 21	LESLIE WARREN
OCT 8	LINDA ROA	OCT 23	ANN BUTTERFIELD
OCT 8	JAN SWEENEY	OCT 23	GRETCHEN VINCENT-BRISBIN
OCT 8	LORI LAPHAM	OCT 24	MARYELLEN TAYLOR
OCT 8	CO DUNGCA	OCT 24	EMMA DELMONTE
OCT 10	GLORIA GIVEN	OCT 24	ETHAN TREVINO
OCT 10	DAKOTA BLACKSTONE	OCT 26	JONAH GONZALES
OCT 10	NADINE SANDERS	OCT 27	ASHLEY ARNOLD
OCT 11	LINDA INMAN	OCT 28	BETTY NELSON
OCT 13	SUZANNE WHITE	OCT 29	KATE MACKILLOP
OCT 13	GERRI DOODY	OCT 29	SHAWNA SMITH

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

As we gather for worship on October 30, we will take a moment to remember loved ones who have died. To participate, please bring a photo of your loved one to the office, by October 27, preferably in a stand-up frame. Our own artists, **Kathy Matthies** and **Muriel Weaver**, will be arranging the photos with candles on our altar table. In doing so, they will create a space for grief— a little nook of light and care in our sanctuary, on a day that means so much for our community. For more information contact **Pastor Rachel**: [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).



### All Saints Day Prayer

As you approach All Saints Day, may you be supported and seen by this prayer from **Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow**, a renowned Presbyterian Pastor in the Bay Area, based on Jeremiah 8:18:

"Sorrow"

The world wants me to be ok,  
But my joy is gone

The world wants me to move on,  
But grief is upon me

The world wants to avert its eyes from suffering,  
But my heart is sick.

Joy will return when it returns

Until that time, God, grant me  
The courage to weep uncontrollably  
A willingness to let my tears flow  
An openness to feel deeply  
And the freedom to grieve.

—Amen.

## Events in October at Community Church

October 2	<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard Intergenerational Gym, 3:45 p.m., Memorial Hall Gym Confirmation Class, 5 p.m., Youth Lounge
October 4	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10:00 a.m. Facility Committee, 10 a.m., Fountain Courtyard Men's Discussion Group, 6:00 p.m., Chapel Gratitude and Generosity Team, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room
October 5	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room Handbell Ensemble, 4 p.m., Sanctuary
October 6	Women's Fellowship Card Writing, 3 p.m., Women's Fellowship Room Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
October 7 - 9	Women's Retreat, Westminster Woods
October 8	Second Saturday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
October 9	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary</b> <b>Pledge Drive Kickoff</b> Wondering Circle, 11 a.m., Classroom 5 Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard New Member Orientation, 11:45 a.m., Media Room Men's Retreat Planning, 12 noon, Fireside Room Youth Group, 4 p.m., Youth Lounge Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Youth Lounge
October 11	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10:00 a.m. Pastor-Parish Relations Team 4 p.m., Fireside Room Outreach Committee, 7 p.m., Fireside Room
October 12	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room Handbell Ensemble, 4 p.m., Sanctuary Worship Planning, 6 p.m., Fireside Room
October 13	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
October 15	Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline
October 16	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary</b> Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard LC Dream Team Class, 12 noon, Media Room Personnel Committee, 12 noon, Fireside Room Intergenerational Gym, 3:45 p.m., Memorial Hall Gym Confirmation Class, 5 p.m., Youth Lounge
October 17	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., Fireside Room
October 18	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10:00 a.m.
October 19	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Media Room
October 20	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
October 21-23	Men's Retreat, Inverness

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## Events in October at Community Church cont.....

October 22-23	Youth Group Overnight
October 23	<b>20th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary</b> <b>New Members Join</b> Wondering Circle, 11 a.m., Classroom 5 Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard LC Dream Team Class, 12 noon, Media Room PPRT, Pastor Rachel, 12 noon Confirmation Class, 5 p.m., Youth Lounge
October 25	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10:00 a.m.
October 26	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room Handbell Ensemble, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary
October 27	Chancel Choir Researsal, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
October 30	<b>21st Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary</b> <b>All Saints/Souls</b> Wondering Circle, 11 a.m., Classroom 5 Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard Friends Intergenerational Lunch, 12 noon, Fountain Courtyard Confirmation Class, 5 p.m., Youth Lounge

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2022, 6-9pm**  
**Memorial Hall**  
**Youth Groups Sponsored**



All church and community 50's Sock Hop Dinner, Dance and Games  
Look for a SignUp Genius to RSVP in an all-church email. Invite friends and family.

Fundraiser for Youth Group Mission Trips of Service &  
Donation Drive of Socks and shelter needs to be donated to our local Youth Shelters in Sonoma County. More  
information to come.



## 2022 Calendar

October		
Date	Event	Time
Sunday, October 9	Fun, Games and planning the Sock Hop	4-5 pm Youth Lounge
Saturday, October 22	Youth Overnight with games, Soick-Hop planning and Youth Lounge Decorating	TBD
November		
Saturday, November 5	All-Church and Wider Community Sock Hop. "Fun-raiser" for 2023 S.A.L.T. Trip and a Donation Drive for socks to donate to the local Youth Shelters in Sonoma County	6-9 pm Memorial Hall
December		
Sunday, December 11	Assemble Gift Bags for Sam Jones Shelter Christmas Party-White Elephant Gifting	5-7 pm Youth Lounge

Hello Junior High and Senior High Youth and parents,

Welcome back to being in person after summer break. We look forward to getting together once again for fun, service and community. Many of you will be attending confirmation classes in the next few months and the youth leaders are proud of your next step in your faith journey. We will try to organize the events, service and fun activities around your confirmation schedules, but priority will be confirmation in the next few months.

Blessings from your Youth Group Leaders,

Middle School Youth Group

- **Bobbie Johanson**
- **Beth Larssen**

Senior High Youth Group

- **Kathy Matthies**
- **Bobbie Johanson**

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