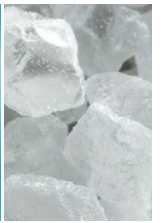




# SALT & LIGHT

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



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### Easter: A Non-Violent Revolution

Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister

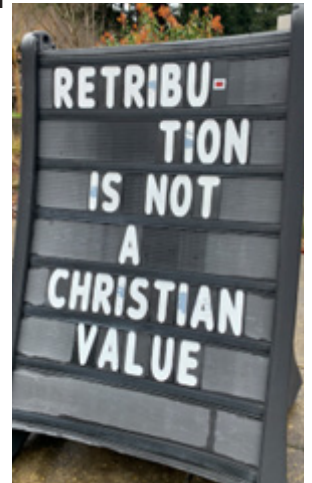
The moveable letter sign on the sidewalk in front of Community Church quips ultra-brief sermons for commuters who drive by on Route 116. The message currently greeting those zooming north reads "Retribution is not a Christian value." I wish this could go without saying, but many prominent Christians, including politicians, do not blink or blush while invoking retribution, revenge, falsehoods, and calls for violence.

Contrary to this unbiblical view, it is clear to me that the God revealed in and through the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a non-violent God. At Christmas we witness a God made vulnerable, born to parents who flee for their lives as refugees. Throughout his ministry, Jesus seeks out the marginalized – exploited fishermen, maligned women, alienated tax collectors, and disregarded children. He describes a world turned upside-down in which the poor are granted favor and the rich are turned away.

Jesus' death, the "passion story" we tell during Holy Week, is the result of an unjust legal system that scapegoated an innocent person for the sake of maintaining the status quo. Jesus' crime was living in a way that threatened the privilege of those in power. And they used that power, the power of violence, to execute him publicly as a shameful example to all who might threaten the powers that be. While the cross was a horrible spectacle, the enduring image is of a man who loved until the end – loved his fickle friends, loved his betrayers, loved his enemies.

If the story had ended with the cross, it would have been yet another sad and sentimental story about a remarkable person who struggled to maintain his humanity in the face of state-sponsored violence. But the story did not end with the cross. In fact, the story hasn't ended yet because on the Sunday morning following Jesus' crucifixion, some women found the tomb empty. And then people started reporting that Jesus appeared to them. His body was the same but different. He bore the scars of violence, but he came and went peacefully as he pleased.

Resurrection, it seems, is the great vindication of nonviolence. In response to the death-dealing forces of human cruelty and power-hungry empires, God did not respond in-kind. Rather, God reflected humanity's violence back to us, like a mirror, so that we could see and repent of the ways we resort to violence to get our way. In Christ, God absorbs our violence and puts it to death. On Easter morning,



God raised Jesus as a sign that violence has been defeated by a peace that passes understanding. Now death need not be feared, for new life in Christ outlasts even death. This is the revolution we claim and proclaim through our own lives on Easter morning, and every day.

## April 2023 Worship

We worship in the Sanctuary on Sundays 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)

### April 2 – 6th Sunday in Lent / Palm Sunday

Beginning with a procession of palms led by our Chancel Choir and children, we gather for Intergenerational Worship and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Rev. Benjamin Broadbent**, Lead Minister, preaches an all-ages sermon on Matthew 21:1–11 entitled, “Who rides 2 horses at the same time?”

### April 6 – Maundy Thursday

We gather at 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary, for an all-ages contemplative candlelight service. We will practice the Washing of Feet, share Holy Communion, and hear the Passion story with the extinguishing of candles.

### April 7 – Good Friday

From Noon – 3:00 in the Chapel, at least one person will be in Faith Chapel holding the space in remembrance of the hours Jesus spent on the cross. All are invited to come to any part of the vigil and to stay as long as you want. There will be a reading every 15 minutes followed by contemplative silence.

### April 9 – Easter Sunday / Day of Resurrection

6:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service for all ages in the Fountain Courtyard
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Services in the sanctuary

### April 16 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

We continue our Easter worship with the Chancel Choir providing music and Pastor Benjamin preaching a sermon on Acts 2:22–32 entitled “Overcoming Hell.”

### April 23 – 3rd Sunday of Easter / Earth Sunday

On this day following an important fundraiser in support of the June SALT youth trip to Pacific Grove, a group of our church’s young people will be leading worship and sharing music around the theme of “Caring for the Earth and Its Waters.”

### April 30 – 4th Sunday of Easter

The Handbell Ensemble shares music and Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Acts 2:42–47 entitled “If That’s Not Socialism, What Is?”

**Coming in May...** Faith Formation Sunday, Strengthen the Church Special Offering, Worship & Arts Appreciations, Sexuality Sunday, Day of Pentecost

## April After Worship

On the last 3 Sundays in April, special programs will follow worship: an usher training, a church chat, and a guest speaker. Here are the details:

### April 16 – Usher Training & Lunch

Noon in Fellowship Hall

New and experienced ushers will gather in Fellowship Hall at Noon for a lunch followed by a training. We are extending and deepening our ministry of welcome. To participate, contact **Linda Roa** at 707.331.2723 or [roa@sonic.net](mailto:roa@sonic.net).

### April 23 – Church Chat: Why Pronouns Matter

11:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room

**Sara Margulis** will lead a “Church Chat” on the importance of gender pronouns, including using the singular “they” and neo-pronouns. To prepare for the conversation, visit this [National Institutes of Health webpage](#).



### April 30 – Guest Speaker Series: Nick Lawrence FtM

Noon in the Sanctuary

In honor of Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, **Nick Lawrence** will speak to us about his female-to-male transition. As an author, musician, and public speaker, Nick shares his life experiences as a wife and husband, mother and father, grandmother and grandfather. Nick shares his story candidly and invites all curious questions. To learn more about Nick Lawrence, go to [www.nicklawrenceftm.com](http://www.nicklawrenceftm.com).

## 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 seeks new volunteers. If you love to arrange flowers (no expertise required), or just love flowers and how they make worship beautiful, contact **Kathy Matthies** at [kathleenmatthies@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmatthies@gmail.com) or 707-758-

3970. The commitment is 4-5 Sundays throughout the year.



## What's Happening in Youth Group (6 - 12th Grade) in April?

(Hint: Lots of fun things!)

Our Spring Theme for Youth Group is Watershed Eco-Justice! We are exploring our local Sonoma County watershed. From laguna to river to lake to ocean, how are we connected in the "basin of relation?" How can we be of service and what justice issues are connected to water/drought and the ways water flows through our West County area? We'll be exploring all this and more, while building camaraderie and going on service-learning adventures. If you're in grades 6 - 12, Youth Group is for you! Come and bring a friend if you like, all spring long.

We meet twice a month— once at the church, and once for an off-site adventure. The adventures are on Saturdays and are still in the works. All of the programming will revolve around learning about our local watershed and doing service projects nearby.

Here's what's coming up:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>
April 2 (Sun)	5:00-7:00	Youth Lounge/Chapel (or possibly youth member home)	Learning to make an A-frame to build on-contour bioswales
April 15 (Sat)	TBD	Off-site adventure	Volunteering with The Habitat Corridor Project
April 22 (Sat)	4:00-5:30 (set-up) 5:30-8:00 (event) 8:00-9:00 (clean up)	Memorial Hall & Fountain Courtyard	Earth Day Fundraiser Event
April 23 (Sun) 10:30 Sanctuary	10:30	Sanctuary	Eco-Justice Watershed Worship
May 7 (Sun)	5:00 - 7:00	Youth Lounge/Chapel	Lakes & Reservoirs
May 20 (Sun)	TBD	Off-site Adventure	Off-site Adventure
June 11 (Sun)	5:00 - 7:00	Youth Lounge/Chapel	Pre-Trip Meeting with Parents
June 25-30	All Week!	Pacific Grove, CA	Blue Theology SALT Trip

## **Racism In Sebastopol?**

by Gary Bachelor

The Community Church of Sebastopol, in its ongoing efforts of inclusion and diversity hosted the President of the local chapter of the NAACP, Kirstyne Lange. She spoke at noon on January 22 after church, to a group of approximately 60 people. Ms. Lange shared with the audience the NAACP Branch History along with the Black Community History, and her personal journey and insights.

Reverend Broadbent introduced Ms. Lange and stated, "We are an open and affirming congregation and our mission and goal is to promote diversity and inclusion for all. It is troubling anytime we hear of incidences of prejudices in our community." Benjamin went on to say, "we invited Ms. Lange to share with us, and the community, NAACP insights on dealing with racism, and educating our local community members."

The local branch of the NAACP was founded in 1953 Co - Founded by Platt Williams and Gilbert Gray. Three hundred members were required to establish a chapter. The entire Santa Rosa City Council & the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors were members, efforts were made to address the injustice faced by Black community members. Areas of discrimination were in housing, segregated dining, and shopping. This was common in the 1960s. Lawsuits were brought against Kress & Woolworth. In 1962 – there was a lawsuit against the Silver Dollar Saloon along with a sit-in.

Alliances were built with North Bay labor unions. School boards were lobbied to hire Black Teachers and in 1959 - Melva Joy Patillo (Beals) was brought to Santa Rosa. She was one of the Little Rock Nine. She completed High School at Montgomery High.

Issues today include struggles for Black renters that face the highest housing burden in the county at 68%. Two in four Asian and white households own their homes, double the rate of Black households at 34%. Black residents have a lifespan ten year shorter than other racial and ethnic groups in the county. Black residents have the lowest rate of school enrollment in the county at 69.3%.

Ms. Lange, when asked if she felt there were any serious issues of racism in the west county said, "all issues of racism are serious. We live in an idyllic area, but local racism is a real problem. An off the-cuff comment or a racist joke is no laughing matter. I grew up with this, I know the pain these things can cause." "Local county schools, including two in Sebastopol have had incidences of racism."

Kirstyne has dedicated her life to diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a long-term resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, Kirstyne prides herself on creating policies of inclusion in education, government and law enforcement. She earned a Bachelor of Art in Public Policy from Mills and went on to receive her Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Nonprofit Management from Sonoma State University. In the spirit of paying it forward, Kirstyne served on the Mills College Board of Governors advocating for alum and student initiatives in addition to being a founding board member of the Sonoma County IOLERO - CAC, advocating for safer policing and oversight policies. Kirstyne was on the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion committees for a number of K12 independent private schools and is the founder of KAL Consulting, an inclusivity consulting firm in the North Bay area.

Kirstyne serves as the President of the Santa Rosa -Sonoma County NAACP Branch, board member on the Elsie Allen High School Foundation, the CLEAN Committee, Santa Rosa's Community Advisory Board, Sonoma County Tourism Board, and Community Matters.

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She continues to volunteer with the Mills College Alumnae of Color Committee, Save Your Six - a Title VI Civil Rights Protection advocacy group for students and coaches club volleyball.

Ms. Lange stayed after her presentation to answer questions from the attendees. If you would like to reach Ms. Lange, her contact information is below.

Our church has an opportunity to stand out as a leader against racism and to support diversity in all of its colors.

NAACP Santa Rosa

Kirstyne Lange

She/her

President, Santa Rosa -Sonoma NAACP

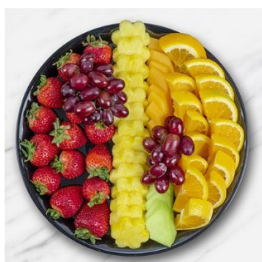
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## Calling all bakers and savory makers

Our Kinship Hour after church is in need of supplies of cookies, breads, fruit, and savory brunch bites to serve. To help, contact Kathy Matthies at [kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com)



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr 1	Sara Margulis	Apr 17	Emilia Poisson	Apr 27	Savannah Donnell
Apr 1	Jillian Gonzales	Apr 19	Lorinda Bradley	Apr 28	Peter Boal
Apr 1	Charles Williams, Jr.	Apr 21	Jessa Drury	Apr 28	Chris Chang Weeks
Apr 5	Jeff Boal	Apr 21	Russ Reimer	Apr 29	Christine Ford
Apr 5	Becky Wessling	Apr 21	Marshall Clark-Cupp	Apr 29	Brooke Bell
Apr 6	Irma Bachelor	Apr 24	Ethan Arnold-Peterson	Apr 30	Nancy Dougherty
Apr 6	J. Althea	Apr 25	Dave Madsen	Apr 30	Nancy Shimetz
Apr 8	Jessica Steyn	Apr 25	Dennis Olson	Apr 30	Isabel MacKillop
Apr 11	Tony Given	Apr 25	Terri Harper	Apr 30	Sabina Malone
Apr 12	Caitie Carciere	Apr 25	Molly Wreden		
Apr 14	Char Mitchell	Apr 26	Kathy Matthies		
Apr 15	Scott McGinnis	Apr 27	Deidra Warner		
Apr 17	Roger Wilson	Apr 27	Sharon Fennema		



## Save the Date for All Church Camp August 25-27, 2023



After a successful All Church Camp weekend last year, we will be repeating the same success of being together for a wonderful weekend. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. There is a Saturday only date option for those who want to attend, but can't commit to the entire weekend. More information to come soon with early registration and helping with the Apple Pie event to discount the cost. If you would like to be a part of the planning team or volunteer in the following areas:

- Crafting and art
- Hiking and outdoors activities
- Friday's dinner
- Anything else you might want to share

please send an email to [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org). Here is the camp's website for you to view the camp and the other activities you could be a part of with Westminster Woods <https://www.westminsterwoods.org/>.

## Wondering Circle



In Wondering Circle, the scripture story is told in worship (Children's Message) and then children and adult volunteers walk over to Room 5 for art, prayer, and singing. Awesome things happen in Wondering Circle! For example...

- On the Sunday we shared an impromptu lectio divina, the children learned more about contemplative practice and shared their insights.
- When we heard the story of Jesus baptized by John in the River Jordan, the children wondered why John hesitated? And then children made art and explored the desert box filled with sand.
- After Pastor Benjamin shared his collection of crosses, the group wondered about the difference between a crucifix and a bare cross.
- Children often create thoughtful art responses to the story they've heard, or choose to play with the materials from the day.

To enter into wondering is the process of putting ourselves into the story, into the shoes of someone else, and noticing— noticing what it feels like, what a certain character might be thinking, how we might act if we were in the story. Wondering teaches compassion and inspires hope, through the imaginative process.

Here's what's happening this month in Wondering Circle:

DATE	LEADER	HELPER	SCRIPTURE
April 16	Terri Harper	Volunteer Needed	<a href="#"><u>Second Sunday of Easter</u></a>
April 23	Volunteer Needed	Ashley Arnold	<a href="#"><u>Third Sunday of Easter</u></a>
April 30	Volunteer Needed	Terri Harper	<a href="#"><u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u></a>

If you're interested in learning more about how to volunteer in Wondering Circle, please contact **Pastor Rachel** [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org). All volunteers are background-checked and undergo an orientation process.

## You Can Help Us Create an Abundant Welcome!

by Linda Roa

The ministry of ushering is an important one which we value at Community Church. "We Welcome" has been our theme for several months. Whether meeting a regular member or a visitor, an usher/greeter is the one who makes people feel comfortable entering into church. An usher/greeter may be the first person newcomers meet face to face, so a friendly hello or kind word can communicate the love of God in a compelling way. The job of an usher takes little time beyond a Sunday morning church commitment. Your greeting will warm your heart, as an usher, as well as the folks you meet and greet.

We would like to have more people on our Usher Team so that we can spread the love around. For this reason, we will be having another Usher Training on April 16. This will take place after church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, and then move on to the sanctuary. If this is something you could participate in or have questions, contact **Linda Roa** at 707-331-2723 or by email: [roa@sonic.net](mailto:roa@sonic.net). Please respond by Wednesday, April 12, so we can plan this event. Thank You!



## A Report from the 2023 Interfaith Faith, Food, and Farms Conference

Garth Watson and Andrea Card



We represented our church at the Interfaith Faith, Food, and Farms Conference in Oakland last month. Here are our thoughts about what it was like:

From **Garth**: "There were lay leaders, clergy, farmers, food systems professionals, food sustainability advocates, fair labor practice advocates and faith community members, interested in and practicing faith-based food resilience. These attendees included people from California and other States. During the breakouts, I chose to attend Produce CSA and Box Delivery Programs, and Making The Most of Commercial Kitchens, and I gave a presentation on the UCC Sebastopol Commercial Kitchen. After a fantastic dinner, the closing plenary included speakers such as: Hon. Assemblyperson **Lori D. Wilson**, who described the bills she is putting forward to assist farmers, farm workers, and food resilience. **Kelly Moltzen** of the Interfaith Public Health Network. Her organization tracks worldwide food distribution with the objective of solving food shortage and health problems by advocating for fair food distribution. Tim Allison from Seed of Hope, which grows food and distributes it to over 100 low-income families. Overall, it was an amazing event."

And from **Andrea**: "The conference was such a great opportunity for me, I was pleased to represent! I attended the breakouts: Gardens and Farms on Faith Community Land, and Advocating for Local, State, and Federal Sustainable Agriculture Policy. In a discussion of food insecurity and climate change, I heard **Amos White** say: "The fact that we can't resolve the problem does not absolve us of doing nothing" There are definitely some things we might be able to check out for a youth outing and learn more about. For example, counteracting climate change by pushing each community to plant 1 tree for every person. The city of San Leandro has so few trees it is considered a desert. Fascinating! I also learned about Urban Admah in Berkeley - a fascinating use of religious lands, to support a farm, meditation center, a Jewish center, and more. I met some interesting people, lots of them in fact :) I met a pastor in Bellingham, **Emma Donohew**, that is part of Echoes, a Lutheran based church that doesn't have a brick and mortar and rotates between Pub Church (seriously in a pub), Wild Church (in a park or elsewhere outdoors), Creative Church (doing art), and Service Church. One of the best parts was that they make their own grape juice for communion. This sounded like an amazing project for youth - harvesting grapes and then pressing for juice and then canning it!"

Thank you to the Outreach Team for supporting our church's participation in this conference!



**You're invited to a Farm-to-Table Dinner with Auction**  
**Saturday, April 22, 5:30 - 8:00pm**  
**Memorial Hall**

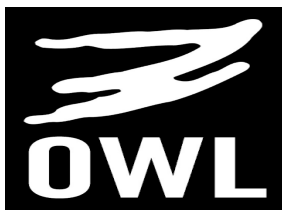


**Support the Youth Group SALT (Service And Learning Together) trip!**

Why do you want to come to this? Let us count the ways!

- There will be beautiful food catered by **Kathy Matthies**, and much of the produce will come from Garth Watson's organic farm.
- The Youth Group will share their experiences learning about the Sonoma County watershed this spring. They have participated in a Santa Rosa Creek Clean-Up, learned about where rain run-off goes, considered ways to conserve water on the church campus, learned about bioswales, and spontaneously pulled trash out of the tidal estuary during their kayak trip on the Petaluma River. They can't wait to tell you all about it.
- There will also be a silent auction with lovely items to purchase, all in support of the Youth Group's service trip to Blue Theology.
- You'll want to be there to purchase your (homemade by the youth) grocery bag made from unused youth group t-shirts from years gone by. Upcycling at its best!

So bring your friends and come out for this Earth Day event! \$20 per Adult, \$10 per child: Click [Here](#) to Get Your Tickets or sign up in the church office, or use your phone's camera to access the QR Code. Advance tickets only, deadline to sign up is April 11. For more information, contact **Pastor Rachel**: [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).



**Our Whole Lives (OWL): Comprehensive Sexuality Education**  
**Grades 8-9**  
 Pastor Rachel

We are grateful for our volunteer OWL co-facilitators, **Roger Wilson** and **Blythe Osner**! They are leading a group of 8-9th graders through this comprehensive sexuality education curriculum with grace and care. The class of 16 students includes both church members and youth from the wider community. There are 26 workshops and the group is two-thirds through the material. If you have a moment, please say a prayer of blessing for our facilitators, youth, and parents— they are doing excellent work. Comprehensive sexuality education supports healthy and just relationships in our world! Here's what's happening in OWL this month:

April 16, 10am - 1pm	Workshop 18: Consent Education Special Workshop: Pornography
April 30, 10am - 1pm	Workshop 19: Sexually Transmitted Infections Workshop 20: Pregnancy and Parenting

For more information about the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program at our church, contact **Brooke Bell**: [bellbrooke@aol.com](mailto:bellbrooke@aol.com).



## Thresholds

### We welcome with love...

...**Dominic Elmo**, grandchild of **Yvette Morris**, born February 12.

...**Harry Ulysses**, grandchild of **Roger Wilson**, born to parents **Samantha** and **John** on February 26.

...**Ash Lee**, grandchild of **Yvette Morris**, born March 6.

### We release with care...

...**Mary McMillon**, church member, who died February 26.

May God's comforting Spirit and the love of our community surround these beloved ones with tenderness and gratitude.

## What have our youth been up to lately?

This awesome group of Youth hauled literal boatloads of trash out of the Petaluma River in March. Most of it was single-use plastic! They learned that the Petaluma River is actually a tidal estuary, connected to the San Francisco Bay— so eventually all that trash would have ended up in the ocean. They would love to tell you more about it when you come to the Farm-to-Table Dinner on April 22. Get your tickets by April 11! \$20 per Adult, \$10 per child: Click [Here](#) to Get Your Tickets (see the Farm-to-Table Dinner and Auction article in this month's Salt & Light). And, we are grateful to The Floathouse in Petaluma for hosting our kayak adventure.



## Events in April 2023 at Community Church

April 1	Howard Bredesen Memorial & Reception, 4 pm, Sanctuary
April 2	Palm Sunday, Worship Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary Kinship Time, 11:30 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Youth Group, 5 pm, Youth Lounge, Chapel
April 3	Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Fireside Room
April 4	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Men's Discussion Group, 6 pm, Fireside Room
April 5	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
April 6	Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Women's Fellowship Card Writing, 3 pm, Fellowship Hall Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
April 7	Good Friday Prayer Vigil, 12-3 pm, Chapel
April 8	Second Saturday Lunch, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
April 9	Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, Fountain Courtyard Easter Worship Service, 9 am, Sanctuary Easter Worship Service, 11 am, Sanctuary
April 11	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Program, 10 am, Memorial Hall Facilities Committee, 10 am, Fireside Room Finance Committee, 1 pm, Fireside Room Joint Pastor Parish Relations, 3 pm, Fireside Room Outreach Committee, 7 pm, Fireside Room
April 12	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
April 13	Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
April 15	Susanna Simms Memorial & Reception, 11 pm, Sanctuary Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline
April 16	Second Sunday of Easter, Worship Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary 8th-9th Grade OWL, 10 am, Chapel Wondering Circle, 11 am, Room 5 Kinship Time, 11:30 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Usher Training, Noon, Fellowship Hall
April 17	Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Fireside Room
April 18	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall
April 19	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Media Room
April 20	Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
April 22	Farm-To-Table SALT Trip Fundraiser, 5:30, Memorial Hall



- April 23      Third Sunday of Easter, Worship Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary  
Wondering Circle, 11 am, Room 5  
Kinship Time, 11:30 am, Bell Tower Courtyard  
Church Chat, 11:45 am, Fireside Room
- April 25      Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus  
Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall
- April 26      Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room  
Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6  
Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
- April 27      Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- April 30      Fourth Sunday of Easter, Worship Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary  
8th-9th Grade OWL, 10 am, Chapel  
Wondering Circle, 11 am, Room 5  
Kinship Time, 11:30 am, Bell Tower Courtyard  
Guest Speaker, Nick Lawrence, Noon, Sanctuary

## Snapshots from the Intergenerational Lenten Workshop

The Intergenerational Lenten Workshop in March provided plenty of interaction between generations, conversation with new friends, and artful expressions of what "refuge" looks like. We shared food, read Psalm 91, and responded to the scripture in creative ways. Friendship, interwoven lives, and even (maybe especially) a blanket fort can be places of comfort and refuge.





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