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**September  
2013**



### *From the Pastor*

In a recent sermon I mentioned a scientific “game” that demonstrates how difficult it is for us to notice something when we are expecting something else. It goes like this: You sit down at a table in front of an ordinary deck of cards. The scientist flashes six of them at you, asking you to identify them as fast as you can – nine of diamonds, three of hearts...oops! What was that last one? Then the exercise is repeated, more slowly, so that you can get the ones you missed the first time.

The third time is so slow that you think you must be an idiot because there is one card you simply cannot identify. You think you know what it is, but you are not sure. It is not until all the cards are laid face up on the table that you can see what the problem is. The mystery card is a six of spades, only it is red, not black. The deck has been fixed, thus preventing you from seeing what was there. You could not see a red spade because everyone knows that if a card is a spade, it is black. Your past experience and your expectations prevented you from seeing what was there. The red spade conflicted with your pre-set notions about how things are supposed to be.

Launch Sunday, 2013, will not only launch a new program year in our church, but will also launch us into a season of transition as Kristin reduces her time and gradually moves toward leaving her position here in 2014. It will be a time for reflection on our shared ministry – our strengths, our needs, our hopes and expectations for our church and a new minister.

But I hope we also remember that “fixed” card game. Will we be able to see the red spade? Which is to say, hopefully our memories, our experiences and our expectations will not blind us to what is really there – new openings for ministry, new possibilities, new ways of thinking about church,

I have heard it said that followers of Jesus Christ must be willing to be raised from the dead, be ready to receive new life, be prepared to be changed into something new. In these coming months of discernment, my prayer is that I – we – are open to all those possibilities. For it just might be that the restless and unpredictable Spirit in our midst does not choose to conform to our expectations. Watch for the red spade!

*Gene*

**READER'S CIRCLE**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH BOOK GROUP**



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 ***Broken for You***  
by Stephanie Kallos

The group will meet in the Fireside Room from 2-4 pm, on November 4. The book is "Broken for You", by Stephanie Kallos. It's a favorite of mine, a good read with interesting characters.

This book is widely available, in the library, bookstores new and used, and on line. No special arrangements for you at the library or Copperfield's this time, you're on your own. On her website, author Stephanie Kallos reminds us that for every \$100 spent in an independent bookstores, \$68 remains in the community. It's worth thinking about.

You have so much time to read the book, I hope you'll read it twice, as I often do with the books I like. The first time is for the plot: what's going to happen? The second time is to observe and appreciate the author at work, carefully constructing the plot and revealing clues for the reader that we might miss the first time.

Everyone is welcome to join the Readers Circle. You do not need to be a member of Community Church. Invite your friends, share a copy of the book with them.

I hope to resume our customary series-of-three-books in the New Year. Questions? Contact the church office, or Rosemary Manchester at [r\\_manchester@comcast.net](mailto:r_manchester@comcast.net) or 707 823-3477.

Rosemary Manchester

**SONOMA COUNTY BOOK FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

The Sonoma County Book Festival will be held on the beautiful shady campus of the Santa Rosa Junior College on Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa from 10 am till 4 pm on September 21.

Check out the website: [www.SoCoBookFest.org](http://www.SoCoBookFest.org) for details of the Teen Poetry Slam, Young Adult Authors, and Children's Program. A roster of guest authors will be announced soon. The event is free and open to the public.

# Sermons & Scripture

## September 2013

***September 1***

**WWJD?**

Before this sermon is preached, the state legislature in North Carolina might very well have passed a bill lowering income taxes on that state's wealthiest residents while, at the same time, raising the sales tax on food. Interesting how Jesus insists that the rules of the Kingdom of God are radically different than those by which the world lives.

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**Communion**

**Rev. Nelson**

***September 8***

**LAUNCH SUNDAY**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**

In the Gospel of John, Nathanael cannot believe that the son of a peasant family from Nazareth can be the One they have been waiting for. And how about us? You just never know who God might use for God's great purposes.

**John 1:45-51**

**Rev. Nelson**

*Music groups return to worship, church school program begins, and bubbles are launched in the courtyard with special music by the UkeStars. A great day to bring a friend to church!*

***September 15***

**THE LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT**

Into our safe and well-controlled and carefully managed world comes a relentless God who just never seems to accept our categories nor be limited by our expectations.

**Luke 15:1-10**

**Rev. Nelson**

***September 22***

Our Minister of Music, the Rev. Brian Plaugher, will be our guest preacher this Sunday.

***September 29***

**WHAT ARE YOU TAKING WITH YOU...AND LEAVING BEHIND?**

There seems to be a theme to these September sermons...Jesus just can't leave well enough alone. He turns upside down all our accepted ways of doing business, of living with each, even about what success really means. Ouch!

**Luke 16:19-31**

**Rev. Nelson**



September 8th will be celebrated as our annual LAUNCH SUNDAY in The Community Church, the day we “launch” our new program year. Choirs will return to worship, the fall church school program will begin and following worship we will celebrate with the traditional “launching” of bubbles in the courtyard with music by our UkeStars along with special treats. Please join us and bring a friend to help up launch our new church year!

## APPLE PIES EVENT REPORT



### WE DID IT!

Another year, and another round of Apple Pies – this year and we made 1,617 Gravenstein apple pies to sell at both the Fair and from Memorial Hall. As soon as we have all the bills paid, we will have a net total to report and add to our camp scholarship fund. Thank you to all who helped and came back to help again after our pleas for more workers! **Great Job!**

If you have any feedback for our committee or if you have ideas, you can write a note and put it in the Apple Pie mailbox in the church office. There is always room for improvement. And if you would like to join the Apple Pie Committee (no meetings!) and have a leadership role next year email Kathy at [kbell@santarosa.edu](mailto:kbell@santarosa.edu).

Thanks again to our Pie Committee: Kathy Bell & Kathy Matthies – Co-Chair; Diane Krautner - Supply Manager; Lloyd Lerum - the Apple Guy; Ellen Stillman & Paula Berndt - Kitchen Supervisors; Judy Peterson – Fair Booth Coordinator; Beth Larssen, Lori Babcock & Pat Furber - Fellowship Hall Supervisors; Bobbie Johanson & Tami Hinckley - Memorial Hall Supervisors; Andy DelMonte - Head Baker. Thanks to all our peelers and pie makers, bakers and drivers – it takes everyone’s help to make this event the success it is. Special thanks to Keith Blackstone for his help before, during and after this big event!

## MUSIC



## MINISTRY

In September at church, we resume many of the regular activities that have had a summer hiatus. Music is no exception. After several summer months of varied and wonderful soloists and ensembles, we will return to rehearsals for our regular groups. Even if you have not enjoyed being part of one of these groups in the past, you are invited to consider joining one of them now.

The **Chancel Choir** rehearses Thursday evenings at 7:15, beginning August 29. An adult voice and a desire to sing are all that is needed to join. Stop by rehearsal on Thursday evenings or call the Minister of Music Brian Plaugher at 869-9120 or send an email to: [brian.plaugher@gmail.com](mailto:brian.plaugher@gmail.com).

The **Bell Choir** rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the sanctuary and usually performs in worship once a month.



Can you count? Then you can learn to play bells! New ringers are always welcome. Karna can be reached at (707) 328-4905 or [karnamarie@yahoo.com](mailto:karnamarie@yahoo.com).

Our youngest group, the **Children’s Choir**, is for kids ages 6 to 11. They rehearse most Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Choir Room. Sara Margulis will be the Children’s Choir Director and she can be reached at [sara.margulis@gmail.com](mailto:sara.margulis@gmail.com).

Vicki Reno is leading a ukulele group, the **UkeStars**, who meet in Fellowship Hall on Fridays from 10-11:30 AM. For more information contact Vicki at 827-3668 or [VReno@comcast.net](mailto:VReno@comcast.net).



I am always interested in trying new expressions of music and changes to our musical mix are always possible. Please give me a call if you have any questions 869-9120 or send an email to: [brian.plaugher@gmail.com](mailto:brian.plaugher@gmail.com).

Brian Plaugher, Minister of Music

# SEPTEMBER



2 Mary McMillon Scott Russell Adam Halleck	17 Calla Burton Katy Nestor Christian Wilson
4 Greg Davis Priscilla Johnstone	18 Marjorie Crump Shears
5 Lorin McClendon Chris Stoll	19 Reena Burton
6 Brittany Robert	20 Barbara Buckley Max Hidalgo
7 Jane Huneke Karna Dawson	21 Tyler Kalembe Quinn Halleck
8 Walt Taddeucci Catherine Reznik	22 Adrienne Sopinski Gregory Nichols
9 Renee Murakami	23 Carleen Madsen Mark Murakami
10 Gregg Yaylian Bill Haigwood Michelle Bowman	25 Celeste Albin Zoe Bachelor Jim Furber Dobson Andy Junge
11 Mary Felton	26 Alicia Petersen Drew Thomas
13 Kathy Bell Brandon Buckley-Cutting	27 Clifford Bright
14 Fran Rasmus Troy Holland	29 Edwin Wilson Jonah Knuth
15 Jean Enos Bob Thomas Henry Knuth	30 Carmen Yeager
16 Diana Taddeucci Josh Hovden	



## THE LISTENING CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER 15

Through the first few months of this year, a team of Parish Listeners contacted folks within our church with one goal in mind – to find out what is on your mind – what are your concerns, your hopes and dreams for the Community Church and our congregation?

The results of these conversations will be shared at a special presentation after church on September 15 in the sanctuary. Please join us!

*To say that a person feels listened to means a lot more than just their ideas get heard. It's a sign of respect. It makes people feel valued.*

Deborah Tannen, Author and Professor of Linguistics  
Georgetown University



### OFFICE VACATION COVERAGE

Karin in the Church Office will be on vacation starting September 10, returning to the office on September 24. Karin and her husband will be traveling along much of Route 66 in their '56 Chevy with a group of friends, all in older cars. Katherine is in the church office on Mondays, and Nancy Shimetz, Bobbie Johanson and Joyce Cox will be in the office to cover on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Minister of Music, Brian Plaughter requests that you take a few moments and jot down the titles of your favorite hymns to help with future worship planning. Please leave this in the collection plate or in the church office.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Hymns: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEET OUR NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR!

Our new Children's Choir Director, Sara Margulis, is a member of our church and mother to Audrey (6) and Benjamin (3). She



has a BA in Music from UC Davis and has enjoyed choral singing for more than 25 years. She is looking forward to making music with the children of the church (age 6-11). The children's Choir had their first meeting August 25. In September,

the Children's Choir will rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM on September 8 (and sing during worship on Sept. 8), September 15, 22 and 29. Questions? Contact Sara at 707-291-2741 or [sara.margulis@gmail.com](mailto:sara.margulis@gmail.com).

## GOT COOKIES?



Our Sunday morning coffee hour needs to stock up with goodies to share during our Coffee Hour! If you have cookies, cake or some kind of treat we can serve after church, please bring it by the church wrapped for the freezer and we can save it for next Sunday. Thanks!

## ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS CONTINUES

Please join us Sundays at 9:15 in the Fireside Room for coffee and to discuss the scripture chosen for the sermon. We will begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. We will read the passage, discuss it, and then listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight and hear what the pastor has to say. You don't need to be a Bible scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time.

## YOUR CHURCH PLEDGE

Please keep the church in mind in your financial planning. If you have slipped behind in your financial support of the church during the summer, please consider using this month to catch up.



## MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF) is used on a regular basis to help those in need with unexpected expenses – from helping with an overdue PG&E bill to providing bus passes for medical appointments. This vital service for the community relies on your help to help others. Please send your check to the church office with a notation "MDF" so we can continue with this very important ministry.

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

Now that Kristen has announced her plans to reduce her hours and return to school to pursue a teaching position, there will be a significant change in her schedule. Kristen plans to continue meeting with our youth on Sundays and she will be in the office on Tuesday mornings. Plans for additional part-time staff will be announced soon.

## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

At its August meeting, the Church Council authorized the formation of a Pastoral Search Committee to begin the search for a new Associate Minister. This committee must be elected by the congregation. Watch for a special mailing concerning this important task.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



We begin another great year of Sunday School, prepped and ready to serve the children of our church. This year, we will once again dive into Godly Play and Seasons of the Spirit. Our Sunday School classes will be divided by age and your children will enjoy being with their peers in the different classrooms.

Our youngest group, 3-4-5 year olds, will meet in Room 5. Children who are 6-7 years of age will meet in Room 6. Our oldest class, 8-9-10-+ will meet in Room 4.

Children who are 3 and younger are invited to participate in our Nursery. Parents are invited to decide if their three year old would be more comfortable in Sunday school or the nursery with our Childcare Coordinator Diana Wilson.



## MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the third Monday of the month, and will meet again on Monday, September 16, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

### Saturday Table

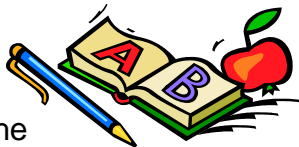
On the second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Memorial Hall to our local homeless population. In addition to offering a hot meal, we also offer showers. If you would like to contribute to this effort, there are several ways to help:

- ❖ Cash and check can be made out to the Community Church and designated for the homeless lunch
- ❖ Thick tube socks, warm clothing – sweat pants, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.
- ❖ Men's walking/athletic shoes or boots
- ❖ Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs, small tents
- ❖ LED flashlights and AAA batteries

These items do not have to be new, but they must be usable and clean. Look for the collection bin in the church entry to drop off your donations. Monetary donations should be left in the church office. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249 or the church office at 823-2484.

### School Supplies for Local Families

With your generous support, Mission & Outreach collected 667 separate items to help prepare our local Habitat families for school, plus 2,380 pages of lined paper! The supplies were sorted and prepared for each family in time to send the children well prepared for the first day of school. Thank you!



### Recycle Inkjet Cartridges for Habitat

Leave your empty inkjet cartridges in the green cardboard box in the church office and Mission & Outreach will be able to turn them into cash to help fund our pledge to Habitat for Humanity. Please bring the cartridges in a sealed plastic baggie and Mission & Outreach will take care of the rest. What could be easier!



## 125TH ANNIVERSARY

2014 will mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Community Church. A core planning committee of Chris Jenkins, Pam Ammondson, Kathy Matthies, Marie Cotton and Gene Nelson has begun meeting. Please let one of them know or call the church office if you would like to help plan this celebration. Some things the committee is talking about: a float in the Apple Blossom parade, historical notes in the newsletter and worship, an album of historical pictures – do you have any to share?, one act plays, a special mission project – 125 days of caring, and a celebration Launch Sunday weekend featuring a camp meeting, barbeque, barn dance, music and a celebration Sunday worship service. Let us know any ideas you might have.

The committee meets again on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. Please let us know if you would like to be part of the planning crew – 823-2484.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER 21

Women's Retreat Committee is holding a Yard Sale on September 21 at the Community Church parking lot on Danmar Drive.

If you have items you would like to donate for the yard sale for the Women's Retreat Committee, contact Lisa Dawson at 953-9545 or [LisaDawson@sonic.net](mailto:LisaDawson@sonic.net). And do stop by to see what treasures you can take home on September 21 from 8 AM to 3 PM.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Join Grief Counselors Harry & Susanna Simms in the Fireside Room on Thursday evenings at 7 PM 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 contact Harry or Susanna at 829-7769 if you have any questions. The group meets Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. There is no charge and the group is open to all.





## NEW MEMBER MEETING SEPTEMBER 22ND

New members will be received into The Community Church on Sunday, September 29 during the worship service. On Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an information/orientation meeting following worship for all those interested in finding out more about the Community Church and church membership. The meeting will be in the Fireside Room. Call the church office if you plan to attend at 823-2484 and also let us know if you need childcare. If you are unable attend the meeting on September 22 and are interested in church membership, or if you have any questions, please see Gene or call the church office at 823-2484 to make other arrangements.

## International Crafts Sale

**October 6 & 13 in the Courtyard  
Two Sundays to Shop!**

Mission & Outreach will present our annual International Craft Sale in the courtyard after church on Sunday, October 6 and new for this year, also on October 13. Two Sundays to find handcraft items from Third World artisans, distributed by Ten Thousand Villages, for you to purchase. Ten Thousand Villages is an organization of the Mennonite Central Committee that pays artisans a fair market value for their wears that are sold by churches and other non-profit agencies. As a mission project, our Mission & Outreach Committee will sell the craft items and return all of the proceeds to Ten Thousand Villages. Please join us after church on October 6 & 13 to shop for these wonderful items for family friends, and yourself!



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 18, at 10 AM in the Fireside Room. We will begin with a study of the Old Testament Song of Songs. For further information contact Joanne Matson, 823-5249.

## MEMORIAL RECEPTION HELP NEEDED

Churches have a long history of helping families host a simple reception following a memorial service –and we want to continue with that tradition.

We need a variety of volunteers to help, and because memorial services are scheduled with often just a couple of days' notice, we need a number of people we can call on. We need people to make and serve coffee, tea and juice, set up and clean up, cookie makers, and someone to call the volunteers and coordinate the reception. Please contact the church office at 823-2484 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org). Your help would be greatly appreciated.

## Name Tags?

Do you have your name tag? Do you wear your name tag? Do you need a name tag? If your name tag has come up missing, or you don't have a name tag, we'd like to get one for you! And if you already have your name tag, please make a habit of clipping it on to help all of us remember your name!



To get a new or replacement name tag, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, leave it in the church office. Please print C L E A R L Y the first and last name you would like printed on your church name tag:

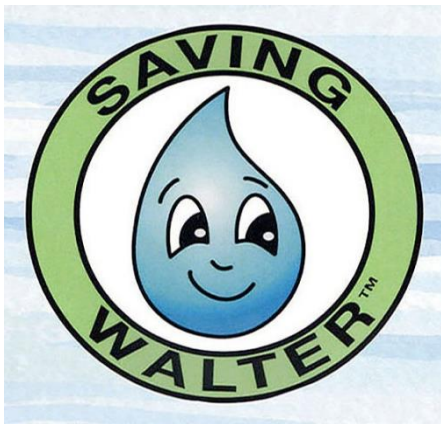
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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_



**SAVING WALTER**  
**PRESENTATION BY PAULA PEARCE**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7 PM IN THE MEDIA ROOM**

Many of you who attend regularly to Sunday worship may have heard Paula Pearce's exciting announcements of having been accepted as a presenter for her new 3rd edition children's book, "Saving Walter". ProjectWET (water education for teachers) was the sponsoring national organization for their annual conference set for Denver, Colorado from August 7-9, 2013. Many of you have followed Paula's five years of hard work refining this book



since the drought of 2008. From church members, to neighbors, to artist friends, Paula has been urged to offer her Denver presentation locally. We are proud to announce it will be here in our own new Media Room of the Pilgrim Center on Tuesday evening, September 24th from 7 to 8:30 PM

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Paula's book,

"Saving Walter" it is a supplemental resource for water science for grade level 3 and 4 told from the water drops' perspective.

Paula has been field-testing her book in local classrooms for the past two years and plans to continue offering presentations to local schools or clubs and organizations. Walter's new website: [www.savingwalter.com](http://www.savingwalter.com) will offer you a direct link to Paula on her "Contact" page and on the "Buy" page you can click on "Preview" to look over half the book.

In a wider sense, this book offers simple and practical solutions for everyone to conserve water in and outside their home. This is very timely because recently, on 8-15-2013, The Press Democrats' front page headlines stated: "Water supply on the edge" featuring a photograph of Lake Mendocino with severe water shortage. We hope you can plan to attend this free presentation on Tuesday, September 24 at 7 PM.

**Fact: Sunday Mornings are Volunteer Intensive**  
**Query: How Can You Share Your Time?**

The Diaconate Board needs your assistance in filling sixteen positions every Sunday. (This does not include Sunday School.) Your gift of time will be a valuable contribution to the warm, welcoming climate of our church. Please consider this an opportunity to put your faith in action and serve the Lord and our Church.

Please complete the following form and drop it in the offering plate or in the church office. A member of the Diaconate Board will call you to arrange specific dates.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to help Sundays on:

Sept 1\_\_\_\_ Sept 8\_\_\_\_ Sept 15\_\_\_\_ Sept 22\_\_\_\_ Sept 29\_\_\_\_  
 Oct 6\_\_\_\_ Oct 13\_\_\_\_ Oct 20\_\_\_\_ Oct 27\_\_\_\_  
 Nov 3\_\_\_\_ Nov 10\_\_\_\_ Nov 17\_\_\_\_ Nov 24\_\_\_\_  
 Dec 1\_\_\_\_ Dec 8\_\_\_\_ Dec 15\_\_\_\_ Dec 22\_\_\_\_

On the Sundays indicated above, I could help:

\_\_\_\_ be the head usher for a Sunday  
 \_\_\_\_ usher  
 \_\_\_\_ with new members and be a New Member Shepherd  
 \_\_\_\_ greet at the front door \_\_\_\_ with Coffee Hour  
 \_\_\_\_ be a Lay Reader \_\_\_\_ with Communion set up  
 \_\_\_\_ call on shut-ins \_\_\_\_ drive people to church in my car  
 \_\_\_\_ Acolyte (Children 7-14)  
 \_\_\_\_ I can also help with memorial receptions on occasion





## THANK YOU!

☺ Thank you to Bob Holland for all his work on the church watering system and his special touch with our roses. ☺ Thank you to Bill McMillon for the gates that go between Pilgrim Center and the church offices – check

them out! ☺ Thank you to Barbara Whitson and her garden crew for keeping our courtyard looking so nice and for the new color as we move into Launch Sunday. ☺ Thanks to the Handbell Quartet and Darryl Fenley for the special music at the dedication of our new Faith Chapel and to all the folks who pitched in for this joyous occasion. ☺ Thank you to our musicians for the wonderful variety of music we enjoyed all summer! ☺ Thank you to Marilyn McHugh for the new embroidered towels for Fellowship Hall – they will be put to good use! ☺ Thank you to Bobbie Johanson, Janet Minton and Joanne Matson for your help in the office and to Janet and Joanne for your help in the library each week. ☺

*Thank you to all for bringing in all the cookies, treats and finger foods that were contributed for the Zimmer memorial service. Your offers were more than generous and plates of food were sent home with the family members and we saved some of the treats for our Sunday Coffee Hour. Thank you to all the volunteers who came forward to help with the memorial service reception in Memorial Hall. Your help was invaluable and made my work with the reception so much easier.*

Elyse Mengle

## HYMNALS FOR FAITH CHAPEL

Chapel Hymnals can be purchased and dedicated in memory of a loved one or dedicated to honor a special person in your life. If you would like to arrange purchase of new hymnal, please contact Jane Huneke at 795-5451 or by email at [jhuneke1@att.net](mailto:jhuneke1@att.net). Hymnals are \$30 each.



# Passages

## Deaths

Alan Furber, grandfather to Amy Furber Dobson and Andrea Card died on July 13 at his residence in Cloverdale. A memorial service was held in Geyersville, Rev. Nelson officiated. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Furber family.

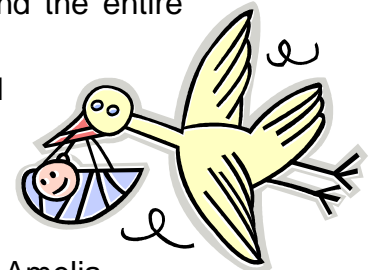
Heidi Zimmer, age 39, died on July 26 after a brave fight against cancer. Heidi is the mother of Jay Zimmer, daughter of Dick and Barbara Zimmer and sister to Lorilee DeSantis. A memorial service was held at the Community Church on August 17, officiated by Rev. Nelson. We hold Jay and all of Heidi's family in our prayers.

## Births

Lorilee (Zimmer) and David DeSantis welcomed a new baby on July 1. Julia Zimmer DeSantis weighed 6 lbs 15.5 oz and measured 18.25" long. She was welcomed home by big sister Alexandra and her big cousin Jay and the entire Zimmer family.

Caroline Grace was born on August 1 in Santa Rosa to parents Breanne and Brandon Cassells. Caroline weighed 11 lbs 11 oz and measured 22" long. She was welcomed home by big brother Jordan and big sister Amelia. Caroline is the granddaughter of Robin and Larry Robert and the great granddaughter of Patty Raney.

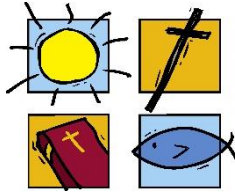
On August 18 Jocelyn Annalise Clare Nelson was born to Annie and Mark Nelson in Santa Rosa. Jocelyn weighed 6 lb 15 oz and measured 20.5" long. The new baby was welcomed home by big sister Victoria and big brothers Cassius, Zack and Nathan and is the granddaughter of Susan Nester.



Blessings and Congratulations to all!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Kristen is gearing up for the new Sunday School year that begins in September and is looking for Sunday School volunteers. Share your gifts with the youngest members of our church family – help teach Sunday School one Sunday a month. No experience necessary and all materials are provided. Sign up with Rev. DelMonte or call the church office at 823-2484 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).



## Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is open to all women and has been a big part of The Community Church since the church was first established in Sebastopol in 1890. The group was originally formed to offer women a chance to meet, enjoy their faith together and to provide a core group to manage the church kitchen duties. Although the women still manage a great many kitchen duties, the group has expanded to include numerous outreach projects, both within the church and our wider community. Find out more at the next meeting, September 19.

**September 19** The Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office and the general meeting will convene at 10:30 AM in the Fireside Room. A salad luncheon will follow at noon in Fellowship Hall hosted by Circle 1

**September 26** Circles Meet – times and locations to be announced.

### LET'S STAND UP FOR PEACE!

International Day of Peace  
Saturday, September 21  
5:00-5:30 pm

Mission & Outreach invites you to Stand Up for Peace on the church lawn at Hwy 116. Signs, flags, banners will be available, or you may bring your own.



# Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013**

**Continental Breakfast 8:40 AM Discussion 9-11 AM**

We invite all women to join us on the **Second Saturday each month** in Faith Chapel for Between Women. Each meeting stands independently, our group is fluid, so whether you can attend every month or just occasionally, you are always welcomed by an intergenerational group of gals. We discuss, we share, we listen, we talk, we eat and we have FUN! Please mark your calendars and reserve the second Saturday of the month for ***Between Women***. Topics of discussion and details about each meeting will be posted soon

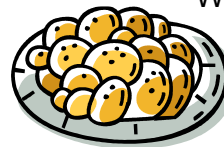
Are you new to the Community Church? Would you like to know more about Between Women? Or perhaps you have a friend you would like to bring to Between Women? ALL women are welcome! For more information, please contact Marie Cotton at 823-3375.

Intergenerational Gathering

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013**

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### BAKED GOODS FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR



We need to stock up with goodies to share during our Coffee Hour! If you have cookies, cake or a some kind of treat we can serve after church, please bring it by the church wrapped for the freezer and we can save it for next Sunday. Thanks!

# Youth News

## September

Welcome to all Youth Groups to another exciting year of Pilgrim Fellowship! This year, we will plan for some exciting adventures, work for a better community, develop a deeper trust with one another and discover all the ways that God calls us to be together in faith.



### New Times!!

The Youth Lounge will be open 30 minutes before Youth Group officially starts to allow the youth to hang out and play together. The new time for the Jr. High Youth Group: 4-6 PM; the Sr. High Youth Group: 6-8 PM. So check out the new times, and get to Youth Group early - join Kristen in the Youth

Lounge for snacks and a friendly, but competitive game on the Wii!

### Jr. High

Remember Jr. High Youth Group (grades 6-8) starts at 4:30, but you can get to the Youth Lounge as early as 4 PM for some extra time with Kristen and your friends!

The **Jr. & Sr. High Youth** will each have their own meetings at their own start time, but share the following themes:

**September 8:** Launch Sunday Luau and BBQ: Come in your favorite Hawaiian gear and be ready for some fun!

**September 15:** On Our Way

**September 22:** Super Silly Sundae!

**September 29:** Building Bonding Buddies

### Sr. High

Remember Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12) starts at 6:30, but you can get to the Youth Lounge as early as 6 PM for some extra time with Kristen and your friends!

*We Request the Honor  
of Your Presence  
at the Marriage of:*



*Alvin Hukins*

*and*

*Darryl Fenley*

*October 26, 2013, 2:00 pm*

*Sebastopol Community Church*

*1000 Gravenstein Highway North, Sebastopol, CA 95472*

*Reception immediately following ceremony*

*Please RSVP by September 26, 2013 to:*

*Darryl Fenley and Alvin Hukins 707-591-9161 drfenley@aol.com*

*In lieu of gifts, please consider a donation to the Community Church building fund*



## SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> FAMILY CAMP <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Interest Centers	<b>2</b> Labor Day - Church Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> LAUNCH SUNDAY <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> 125th Anniversary Planning Mtg	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Second Saturday Lunch
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>11:45 AM</b> Listening Campaign Presentation	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> WF Board <b>10:30 AM</b> WF Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> WF Luncheon <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>21</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Yard Sale for Women's Retreat <b>5:00 PM</b> Int'l Day of Peace
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>11:45 AM</b> New Member Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Paula Pearce presents SAVING WALTER	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>26</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> WF Circles <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> OCTOBER	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>5</b>