

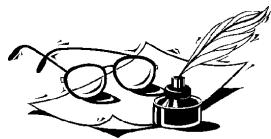
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From Our Pastor

It seems that every year, in the “From the Pastor” column of this summer newsletter, I urge you and me to step away from the often exhausting routines of work and life and observe some true sabbath time – time when we choose to take the radical and countercultural path of doing nothing, of being instead of accomplishing, of allowing the world to turn without our participation for a while. I always find it amazing – and certainly humbling – to discover how well the world, and church, continue to function even when I am not hovering around, looking after every detail, pounding out twelve hour days.

But this summer, as I open the back door of my office and gaze out at the construction site between that door and Memorial Hall, I realize that, for me, the goal of genuine sabbath time may be a little more elusive than it usually is. With so much exciting activity happening all around me, I kind of want to stay informed and involved.

We have talked about this project since the day we dedicated Memorial Hall, and those discussions have taken on renewed focus during the last four years or so. And now, to see it actually taking shape after so many years, so many discussions, so many delayed hopes...well, I can't seem to stay away! I'm excited, I want to know what's going on. Of course, half the time I don't know what the contractor is talking about, but I still want to know!

For how many years have we said, “If only we had a small chapel.” Well, now we will have one. And for how long have our youth yearned for a space they could call their own? Well, now they will have that space. And I could say the same thing about the other rooms. In all honesty, I had pretty much decided that I would be retired before we finished this last phase of our church campus. But here I am...here you are...and I hope you share my growing excitement. Yes, this summer, I still look forward to some all-important sabbath time. But it's also true that the joint will be jumpin' and I look forward to being a part of it.

Gene

Building Update If you have not stopped by the church recently to look at our building progress, please do so. Much of the construction work to this date has been site prep, including new drain pipes, but now the footprint of the building is beginning to take shape. Pouring of concrete may have begun even before you receive this newsletter. Also, on the fence facing Hwy 116 there is a sign announcing the building with a rendering of the "finished product." Thanks to Kristen DelMonte for ordering the sign. A new dishwasher was installed in Memorial Hall, saving us on power usage and thus saving the installation of a costly PG&E upgrade for the new building.

A reminder that church member, John Henel, is our church liaison with the contractor. Any questions for John or the building committee can be left at the church office.

HOT TOPICS ON COOL SUMMER NIGHTS

Come to Berkeley this summer and tackle the issues with star theologians, faculty, and guests as they speak on vital topics that touch our faith and our lives.

The free, public lectures will be held on (mostly) Tuesday nights between July 5 and August 7. Receptions at 7:00 pm (all welcome), talks from 7:30-9:00 pm. Always on the PSR campus at 1798 Scenic Ave Berkeley, CA 94709.

Thursday, July 5th Peter Schneck
Brown Madonnas, Red Mothers, & the "New Negro" from Germany

Tuesday, July 10th Hubert Locke
Girding for Battle: Faith, Politics, and the November Elections

Tuesday, July 17th John Shelby Spong
Judas Iscariot: Did He Exist? Person, Symbol & Roots of Anti-Semitism

Tuesday, July 24th Bob Johansen
Make the Future: New Leadership Skills for an Uncertain World

Tuesday, July 31st Vivian Chavez
Cultural Humility: Moving and Breathing with Awareness

Tuesday, August 7th Devin Zuber
Sermons in Stones: American Environmental Thought & Swedenborgian Nature Mysticism

Sermons & Scriptures

July 2012

July 1 The Rev. Phil Hart, interim Conference Minister of our Northern California Conference, UCC, will be our guest preacher.
Communion

Annual Church Picnic at Georgetown following worship

For his summer sermons, Rev. Nelson will be looking at some of the familiar stories of Genesis – from Adam and Eve to Noah and the Ark to Abraham and Sarah. How might these ancient and familiar stories still speak to our lives today?

Summer Sermon Theme: **FROM ADAM & EVE TO ABRAHAM & SARAH: GREAT STORIES OF GENESIS**

July 8 Male and Female: In God's Image

Did you know that there are actually two stories of God's creation of male and female? Genesis really takes us from Adam's Rib to Women's Lib!

Genesis 1: 26-31; Genesis 2:18-25

Rev. Nelson

July 15 Always a Snake in the Grass

Ah, free will. We know the right path, we just don't always take it. And it is so tempting to blame someone – or something – else. Pre-schoolers aren't the only ones who insist, "It wasn't my fault!"

Genesis 3: 1-13

Rev. Nelson

July 22 An Ark, a Flood and a Promise

When we first commissioned the ark sculpture for our church, there were those who objected, insisting that the whole story of the ark and flood is just too horrific. Let's take another look.

Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5; 11-24; 8: 13-22

Rev. Nelson

July 29

Rev. Kristen DelMonte will preach this Sunday. Rev. Nelson will be officiating at a family wedding in Arizona.

Sermons & Scriptures

August 2012

Summer Sermon Theme: **FROM ADAM & EVE TO ABRAHAM & SARAH: GREAT STORIES OF GENESIS**

August 5 **Called by God**

Abraham hears God telling him to take his family and possessions and go to a faraway land where he has never been. And, amazingly, that is just what Abraham does. You just never know...

Genesis 12:1-9

Rev. Nelson

August 12 **Guest Preacher to be announced**

August 19 **Trusting an Unlikely Promise**

Abraham and Sarah are well beyond retirement age when they are told they will trade walkers for a baby stroller. And Sarah can't contain her laughter!

Genesis 18:1-15

Rev. Nelson

August 26 **On a Wild & Windy Mountain**

The preacher would rather skip this story about Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son...and at God's command. What might it all mean?.

Genesis 22:1-19

Rev. Nelson



Did you sign up for our big Apple Pies event August 10-11-12?? Join us as we prepare and bake hundreds of Gravenstein apple pies to sell at the Gravenstein Apple Fair - everyone can help, no matter your age! Contact the church office today – 823-2484.

Women's Fellowship

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP INVITES YOU TO
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Join Women's Fellowship with Christmas in July and help collect gifts for our local convalescent hospitals. For the summer months, the Christmas Collection Box will be in the church lobby for you to add an unwrapped present. Ideas for gifts are: lap robes, sweaters, shawls, socks, slippers, perfume or after shave, nice soaps and lotions, body powder, candies, cookies, stationery and stamps or anything that would make the residents days a little brighter.



No need to hunt for your Christmas wrapping paper, just drop off your unwrapped gift and Women's Fellowship will do the rest. You may also contribute cash and the ladies will do the shopping! For further information please contact Barbara Wilson, Chairperson.

CHURCH WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



translates to saving money).

Currently you can keep up to date with us on FaceBook with building updates and new pictures posted throughout the week. "Like" us on FaceBook at: www.facebook.com/uccseb and be the first to see the new website launch!

Apple Pie Time!

August 10-12

Our biggest fund raiser of the year, the Apple Pies Event, is right around the corner – August 10-11-12 with lots of preliminary work available too! Each year, and for more than 35 years, The Community Church of Sebastopol has baked up to 2000 pies for the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Fair. Money raised is used to fund camp scholarships, providing our youth with a great summer experience and help to offset costs for our Family Camp at Camp Caz in September.

Sign me up for the Apple Pies Event – I know you need my help!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Preliminary Work, phone calls Thursday Eve Set up

Thursday Eve. slicing apples Friday Eve. slicing apples

Friday, slicing & making pies Friday Evening, baking

Saturday, making pies, selling Saturday, baking

Sunday Morning, slicing & selling Sunday, clean up

I'm open to whatever you need me to do!



Everyone can lend a hand, no matter what your age or abilities, from the youngest to the oldest. Join us for this wonderful multigenerational event as we prepare and bake hundreds of apple pies for sale at the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Fair. All proceeds from our apple pies sales fund our camp scholarship program and help alleviate costs for everyone at Family Camp.

Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection plate or bring to the church office. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 823-2484 or send an email to: office@uccseb.org.

Passages

BIRTHS

Avery Parker Liniak was born on May 27 at Queen of the Valley in Napa to Shannon (Buckley) & David Liniak. Avery weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and measured 19.5". She is the 6th grandchild and 2nd granddaughter to Harry and Ellen Sullivan.

Olivia Foster and Alhagi Daffeh are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Fatima Lee Daffeh born May 31 in Santa Rosa. Fatima weighed 7 lbs 4 oz and is the granddaughter of Chris and Lisa Dawson. Blessings and congratulations to all!

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Memorial Service for Paul Weaver will be on Saturday, July 14th, at 2:00 in the church sanctuary.

There will be a remembrance and celebration of the life of Ken Wood at 2:00 on Saturday, August 11th, at Wild Oak Saddle Club in Santa Rosa.

FAREWELLS

A number of church members will be moving this summer:

- ◆ Jack and Ginny Griffin, their daughter, Shay, and Ginny's mother, Liz Robinson, will be moving to San Marcos, California, where Jack will be the new city manager. We hate to see them go as they have meant so much to our church community, but we wish them the very best and many blessings.
- ◆ Bill and Diana Godwin will be re-locating to Monterrey, close to Bill's mother. And they will be greatly missed as they have faithfully served both our church and the Interchurch Food Pantry. Godspeed.
- ◆ Chris and Bob Evans will be moving to Walnut Creek to be close to their daughter and grandchildren. Chris, a long time church member who has served on a number of boards and committees, led classes and participated in retreats, as been a much loved member of our church community. Again, hard to say good-bye, but we wish them the best.
- ◆ And we learned that Denny Adams has moved to Lancaster, CA. He also faithfully serviced the church over the years and will be missed.

Unusual to have so many people moving. If you have new people moving into your neighborhood, why not invite them to church? LAUNCH SUNDAY will be on September 9 – a perfect opportunity to invite someone new and their family to church.

READER'S CIRCLE COMMUNITY CHURCH BOOK GROUP

The Community Church Book Group will meet again in the fall, on Monday afternoon and evenings in September, October and November. Exact dates will be revealed soon. The Book Group is open to all, everyone is welcome. You may contact Rosemary Manchester (r_manchester@comcast.net) with any questions. Spend your idle summer hours in the hammock, reading good books! Get a head start on your reading – here's the lineup for the fall:

- “ **Crossing to Safety**, by Wallace Stegner
- My Antonia**, by Willa Cather
- Hannah Coulter** by Wendell Berry

These novels will pull you into the world of these three outstanding humanitarian writers, and I hope you will want to read more of their work.

The books are readily available in the Public Library, in bookstores new and used, and on line. Readers Circle is open to everyone, you don't need to be a member of Community Church - invite your friends to join the Circle. Meeting dates will be announced next month. For more information, contact Rosemary Manchester at [R_manchester@comcast.net](mailto:r_manchester@comcast.net).

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.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach will resume their monthly meeting in August with a Pot Luck Picnic on August 20 at Ragle Ranch Park. Regularly scheduled activities listed below continue through the summer.

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO ALABAMA

Twelve folks from the Community Church will be heading to Alabama July 2-8, working with Habitat for Humanity helping to rebuild following last year's tornados and storms that devastated much of Birmingham. Joyce Cox is the group leader with crew leaders Chris Dawson and Scott Carlson aided by Tom Larssen, Don Bartol, Alyssa Ott, Martin Peterson, Jane Huneke, Fran Rasmus, Gene Nelson, Marie Cotton and Nancy Lee. Please keep these folks in your prayers as they travel and work together on the Adult Mission Trip. The group will be commissioned during the worship service on July 1.

FEEDING OUR LOCAL HOMELESS

The second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Memorial Hall to our those in need. In addition to offering a hot meal, we also offer showers. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joyce Cox or Joanne Matson or the church office at 823-2484.

Did you know the Community Church also provides sack lunches each Friday to our homeless population? Sack lunches are offered out of the Christian church kitchen each day of the week, prepared by different churches and individuals. If you would like to help with this project, contact Chris Jenkins. If you are not available to help with preparations, your cash donations are also greatly appreciated.

GRATON DAY LABOR CENTER

Mission & Outreach will sponsor a meet and greet with representatives from the Graton Day Labor Center on June 24, immediately after worship. A perfect time to find out about the variety of services they have to offer – house cleaning, painting, yard work and more! Find out more on June 24.

MADD Music Art Dance Discovery Vacation Bible Camp Seek the Adventure!

August 6-9 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM
for ages 3-10



Sponsored by the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups at the Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC

Early bird registration before July 30 -\$55 per child
After July 30, \$80 per child or \$20 per day.
(No before or after care available.)

End of camp show for parents, families and friends on Thursday, August 9 at noon at the Community Church.

Registration forms available in the church office or
www.uccseb.org.

Register before July 30 to save with the early bird price!
Ask about our sibling discount and scholarship information.

SEPTEMBER 9 IS LAUNCH SUNDAY

Launch Sunday is September 9 at the Community Church! Our fall church school program for children will resume, choirs, bells and brass will return to worship, balloons and banners will be in the sanctuary, and following worship, we will have our traditional launch of the bubbles! Plan to join us for worship, the launch and all the festivities on September 9.

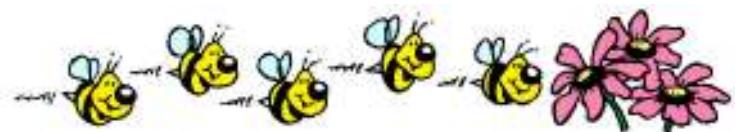


HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Karin Seder for coordinating the ticket sales and bus ride for the June 8 game. Remember to sign up for the August 25 game. ♦ to Barbara Whitson, Tom Dilley, Marc Felton, and John Henel for their work in rigging an interim irrigation system for the church campus. ♦ to our Teachers and Youth Leaders for your year of service to the youngest members of our church family. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. ♦ Thank you to our music leaders, Brian Plaugher, Darryl Fenley, Karna Roa, Jan Kahdeman, Andy DelMonte, Jim Jenkins, Keith Blackstone and Vicki Reno for our wonderful worship music. ♦ And thank you to all the participants – it is your talent and hard work that makes each Sunday so special. ♦ A big thank you to all who walked in the Human Race and to those who sponsored our walkers. We raised almost \$700 for the Children's Village.

Thank you ♦ Thank you ♦ Thank you ♦ Thank you



WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND...THEOLOGICALLY?

What are your questions about faith? What areas of the Christian life do you most struggle with?

In his sermons on September 16, 23 and 30, Gene will address your top three questions. So let him know what is on your mind. Email Gene your questions at gnelson@uccseb.org or call and leave a message – 823-2484, ext. 12. Topics will be announced in late August so that you can invite friends who may also have questions.

LET'S GET CREATIVE

Coming this summer – your chance to show off your creativity! During the summer months our Sunday bulletin covers will feature artwork from members and friends of the Community Church – maybe you would like to see your artwork in print! The art must be reproducible on our copy machine and is limited to 7" x 8 ½". We have 13 Sundays during the summer months – will one of our bulletin covers be yours? Call the church office for more information (823-2484) and bring your artwork in now before the schedule fills up.



Northern California
Nevada Conference
United Church of Christ

Summer Camps 2012

At Camp Cazadero

Kids Camp (ENTERING GRADES 2-4) **July 29-Aug 2**

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 5-6) **July 29-Aug 4**

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 7-9) **July 15-21**

Sr. High Camp (GRADES 10-12) **July 22-28**

And at Camp Tamarack

Junior/Jr. High Camp (GRADES 5-8) **July 29-Aug 4**

Sr. High Camp (GRADES 9-12) **Aug 5-11**

Check www.ncnccucc.org for more information and to download registration and health forms.

Apple Pie Scholarships are available to youth to help cover registration costs – sign up to work our Apple Pies event on August 10-11-12 and earn up to \$140 towards camp fees. Contact Karin or Katherine in the church office to get your Apple Pie Scholarship voucher at 823-2484 or office@uccseb.org.



2012 IS OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAKING PIES!!

Forty years of making pies is monumental and the Apple Pie Committee would like celebrate with a commemorative Community Church of Sebastopol

Apple Cookbook!

The committee would like to collect recipes from members and friends of the Community Church with your favorite apple recipes. Do you have a favorite recipe for Apple Butter? or an award winning Apple Cake recipe? What about your grandmother's applesauce recipe? We would also like to collect pictures of years past and present making pies to put in the cookbook. Bring your recipes and pictures to the church office or email your recipes to Kathy Matthies at kathleenmatthies@yahoo.com. Add your name and phone number to your pictures and recipes so we can return your pictures safely and give you credit for your wonderful apple recipe. We plan on having the cookbooks ready for next year's Gravenstein Apple Fair – all proceeds will benefit our Camp Scholarship program.

Minister of Music, Brian Plaugher 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: _____

July 1

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Come join the fun on July 1 for our annual Church Picnic – great BBQ, home made ice cream and the Community Band all on a special day at the wonderful Georgetown on Frei Road. You don't want to miss out, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us on July 1, right after worship.

Wear your picnic clothes to church and put a blanket or folding chairs in the trunk as we head out to Georgetown right after worship to 4015 Frei Road in Sebastopol. Enjoy music, barbecue and a special tour of Georgetown and the wonderful collection of movie set memorabilia, antiques and so much more on display. There will also be a display of classic cars from the local Redwood Empire Chevy Club.

Barbeque Chicken will be on the menu prepared by Roger Collins, a vegetarian baked potato bar, homemade ice cream and, depending on your last name, we are asking you to bring a salad, side dish, or drinks to share:

A-G, bring a side dish (chips & dip, baked beans, deviled eggs, vegetable tray... you get the idea!)

H-L, hors d'oeuvres and snacks to share while the band performs prior to lunch.

M-T, bring a salad; (green salad, fruit salad, macaroni, or potato salad... you name it!)

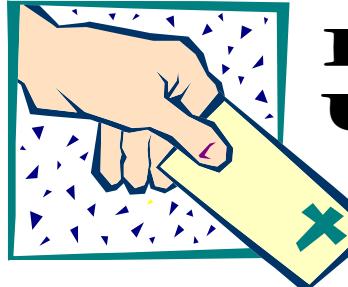
U-Z, bring a beverage (water, soda, fruit juice or ?)

If you have any questions or ideas or offers to help, please call the church office at 823-2484. We need help with hauling chairs

for the band and extra tables and a variety of other items from the church over to Georgetown and back again.



**CHURCH
PICNIC**



FINANCIAL UPDATE

After very positive financial news in April, the church took a bit of a step backwards financially in May. For the month, operating expenses exceeded revenues by \$1500, leaving us with a five month deficit of \$13,596. Actually pledge income has remained fairly consistent, but income has lagged in some other areas. And year to date expenses are only a couple of hundred dollars over projections.

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!



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:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Our San Francisco Giants are back on track and we have tickets for one more game, August 25. We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of the bus – you save the driving hassle, the bridge tolls and parking nightmare, and have a great trip to



see Giant Baseball with your friends. Just ask any of the folks who went to the June 9th game – it was a perfect day at the park. Pack your lunch, water and snacks to bring into the park – plastic containers are permitted.

The game is on Saturday, August 25, with 1:05 start time, so we plan to leave about 10:30 AM from the church parking lot.

Saturday, August 25 Giants vs. Atlanta Braves

50 tickets @ \$55 (view reserve outfield)

The sign up sheet is in the church office. Checks can be made out to The Community Church with a notation in the memo line: Giants Baseball. Call Karin or Katherine in the church office to get your name on the list at 823-2484 or office@uccseb.org.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Adult Education invites you to drop in for our Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School. Come by the Fireside Room at 9:30 for coffee and to discuss the scripture for the morning's sermon. We will begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. Then we will read the passage, discuss it, and be able to listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight and hear what the pastor has to say. The class will not meet on July 1, but we will see you on the following Sundays.

Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a Bible scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time! Please join us from 9:30 to 10:15 Sunday morning in the Fireside Room.



BIBLE Studies

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study group will take the months of July and August off and resume in September on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM. Please call Joanne Matson for information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will take a break for the summer months, resuming again in the fall. Enjoy your summer!



2012 SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

Here's what we have planned for special music for the rest of summer! We have a wonderful assortment of music planned for the summer – you won't want to miss a Sunday! Please keep in mind this schedule is subject to change, but here it is:

June 17Andy DelMonte & Sr. High Youth

June 24Denelle & Darryl

July 1The Divine Connection

July 8Keith Blackstone & Friends

July 15Jan Kahdeman

July 22Andy DelMonte

July 29The Wilson Family Singers

August 5Vince & Hosanna

August 12.....Marjorie Crump Shears

August 19.....Sara Margulis

August 26.....Vicki & The Ukestars

September 2 ...Men In Black



July Birthdays

1	Austen Look
2	Harriet Molin
4	Lauren Humphries
	Ginny Griffin
5	Malone Harper
6	Mike Matthies
	Maria Gordon
8	Kathy Manchester
9	Andrew Smith
	Norma Watson
10	Isaac Trevino
11	Bob Best
	Linda McBride
12	Connie Ross-Steinberg
13	John Sweeney
14	Lowell Yeager
	Sid Buchanan
	Chris Jenkins
	Dawson Bell
15	Hosanna Bauer
16	Norma Taddeucci
	Allyson Davis
	Keegan Buckley Cutting
17	Daphne Cripps
	Judy Stupfel
	Luanne Buchanan
19	Charles Williams
	Evelyn Bishop
	Dorothy McKoin
	Adair Look

July



August

2	Catherine Blossom
	Dan Porter
	Emily Nestor
	Sam Nestor
	Noelle Steinberg
3	Harry Polley
	Bobbie Johanson
	Chloe Madden
4	Peggy Porter
	Callia Allender
	Sheena Stevens
5	Sue Rollins
6	Meg Brittan
7	Marian Reid
	Ruby Hudlow
8	Rod Look
9	Vicki Mayster
	Chris Dawson
10	Corrine Kauwe
	Brian Deedler
11	Ken McHugh
12	Diana Godwin
	Lucas Trevino
13	Jean Peterson
14	Susan Piernan
15	Rachel Knuth
	Sohni Yaylian
16	Sharon Sims
17	Andy Berndt
	Donna Crosley
	Suzanne Gordon
20	Jerry Warren
	Nancy Dempsey
	Alicia Nurmi
22	Doris Rowe
23	Jack Curtis
	John McGrew
24	Elia DelMonte
25	Joanne Feige
	Tiffany Hamm
27	Stuart Wilson
	Pam Oakes
28	Alex Wilson
29	Kevin Caldwell
	Sean Bradley
30	Carolyn Adkins
	Judy Bowman
	Mac MacDonald
	Aaron Knuth
31	Scott Carlson

Happy Birthday!



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL
Women's Summer Retreat 2012

DISCOVERING THE DIVINE IN OUR LIVES

FRIDAY, JULY 20TH – SUNDAY, JULY 22ND

at Camp Tuolumne Trails, Groveland, CA

DISTANCE: Yes, Groveland is a ways, takes approximately 4 to 4 ½ hours. PLEASE DON'T STAY AWAY BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE . . . it is about the JOURNEY, not the destination!

We went to this camp in 2010 and it worked quite well. Carpools will leave from the church on Friday. Drivers will be reimbursed at an amount to be announced later.

It is a wonderful trip—especially when made with friends, old and new. Some women last year took their lunch and ate at a park along the way, others at a restaurant. On Sunday, one car stopped for ice cream and also found a wonderful restaurant in Lodi for an early dinner.

FACILITATOR: *Rev. Lizann Bassham* is the Director of Front Porch Spirit. She is an author, playwright, songwriter, and currently working on a poetry series titled "*In Praise of Aging*". Once, quite by accident, she won a salsa dance contest in East Los Angeles!

THEME: Where do you encounter the Divine: Within yourself? Reflected in the faces of others? Permeating the whole of creation? Come spend a weekend discovering and naming the presence of the Divine in your life. Our journey of discovery will happen through personal reflection, small and large group sharing, laughter, worship, all in the middle of one of the most beautiful settings in the world.

FEE: Your fee for the weekend is **\$130, including transportation.** The actual cost per person is \$160.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships are available for anyone for whom the fee is a hardship. Contact Nancy Shimetz. Scholarship information is kept confidential.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: Some retreat participants plan on going a day early—spend Thursday night at Tuolumne Trails and go to Yosemite on Friday. Lodging for Thursday night is **\$42 (food not included)**, which brings the total retreat fee to \$172.00. *There is a limit to the number who can go early so if you are interested call or email Nancy Shimetz as soon as possible.*

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy at 823-4242; Gail at 829-2503; Lisa at 529-0771 or Emily at 823-5998

Women's Retreat Registration Form
July 20, 21, 22, 2012

Retreat Only:

Enclosed is the full amount of \$130

Enclosed is \$130 plus _____ for the scholarship fund

Enclosed is a deposit of \$_____ (no less than \$50, please) The remaining balance to be paid no later than July 9.

Retreat PLUS Thursday Night:

Enclosed is the full amount of \$172

Enclosed is \$172 plus _____ for the scholarship fund

Enclosed is a deposit of \$_____ (no less than \$50, please) The remaining balance to be paid no later than July 9.

Name _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Any special needs: _____

Transportation:

Will you be driving on your own (not meeting at the church) Yes No

If yes, list passengers _____

Do you have a van/car you are willing to drive? Yes No

Do you have a van/car someone else could drive? Yes No

(note – money is set aside to reimburse driving costs)

Checks are made payable to **The Community Church** with a notation in the memo line: Women's Retreat.

Please return this form with your deposit to:

Community Church, P.O. Box 579., Sebastopol, CA 95473
OR, drop in the collection plate, OR, leave at the church office.