

READER'S CIRCLE 2012
COMMUNITY CHURCH BOOK GROUP
KENYA PIONEERS

The Community Church Book Group will meet in the Fireside Room, on Monday afternoons from 2-4 and evenings from 7-8:30 in February, March and April, 2012. The Book Group is open to all, everyone is welcome. You may contact Rosemary Manchester at 823-3477 or r_manchester@comcast.net with any questions.

This series is designed to give you two accounts by European women of life in colonial Africa early in the last century, followed by stories (fiction) about contemporary life in Southern Africa. You will find the books in the public library, in bookstores new and used, and on line.

February 6: *OUT OF AFRICA* by Isak Dinesen

Monday, February 6 ☞ 2 - 4 pm in the Fireside Room and again from 7-8:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

A classic memoir of her life in early 20th century colonial Africa, published 1937. Dinesen, *aka* Baroness Karen Blixen, managed a coffee plantation in colonial Kenya, 1914 – 1931. You may have seen the movie.

Some of you have asked for more suggested readings. Here are other books by or about Isak Dinesen:

**Shadows on the Grass*, by Isak Dinesen, pub 1961

Isak Dinesen, Letters from Africa, pub 1981

**Isak Dinesen, the Life of a Story Teller*, by Judith Thurman, pub 1982 * indicates books readily available in the public library, bookstores and on line

March 5: *WEST WITH THE NIGHT* by Beryl Markham

A fine memoir of a pioneer aviatrix in East Africa in the early 20th century. Look for more information on this book in the February newsletter.

April 2: *THE NO. 1 LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY* by Alexander McCall Smith

Precious Ramotswa opens a detective agency in Gabarone, Botswana. This is the first of a series of books about the *No. 1 Detective Agency*, stories set in present-day Africa.

Sermons & Scripture

February 2012

February 5 ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

One thing is clear about the Jesus we meet in Mark's Gospel...he never stays still. He is always on the move. He has a message to share and a sense of urgency about sharing it. And us? Feel any urgency about sharing the Gospel, or perhaps this church?

Mark 1:29-39

Communion

Rev. Nelson

February 12 THE HEALING TOUCH

Jesus heals a leper – a healing touch that accepts the unacceptable, touches the untouchable. It sure would be easier on all of us if, just once, he would walk by on the other side of the road!

Mark 1:40-45

Rev. Nelson

**February 19 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS
THE MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE**

On the mountain, Jesus is gloriously transfigured in the presence of some of his disciples. Could this rather hard to understand event be a metaphor for our own transformation?

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Nelson

LENTEN SERMON THEME: *Discipleship 101*

To walk with Jesus toward Holy Week is to find ourselves in a crash course on discipleship

February 26 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

DISCIPLESHIP 101: ALONE IN THE WILDERNESS

Jesus is baptized and immediately finds himself in the wilderness, cut off from familiar sources of safety and support. Certainly not a very encouraging beginning.

Mark 1:9-15

Communion

Rev. Nelson

COMMITTEE FOR ADULT EDUCATION 2012 Faith Journey & Soup Suppers



Each year during Lent, we gather at the church on Tuesday evenings to share in a simple soup supper and then hear one of our church members share his/her story and how faith has helped to shape that story. Easter is April 8, 2012 and we will meet on the five Tuesday evenings during Lent beginning February 26, 2012.

In addition to planning the faith journey portion of the program, we are also looking to sign up soup makers for each of the five Tuesday evenings. We enjoy a variety of homemade soups for this event and if you would like to be on the soup schedule for a Tuesday, please contact Janice Humphries at 544-8828.

We meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 for the soup supper and then move to the Fireside Room at 7:00 for the faith journey. Over the years, this has proven to be a meaningful experience for all who attend and a wonderful way to build community. Your participation will make this event even more special.

Please contact Gail Thomas at PoohCornerFarm@comcast.net or call 823-2484 or if you would like to present your faith journey.

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.

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.



4TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Saturday, March 17 in Memorial Hall 6:00 – 9 PM

Calling all Leprechauns! Come and enjoy an evening with a traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner and a special Leprechaun inspired dessert. Enjoy live entertainment with music, dance, an Irish sing-a-long, and comedy. Bring your favorite Irish joke to share and don't forget to wear **GREEN** or you might get pinched!



Cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 8 and younger. All proceeds benefit our building project. To sign up, contact the church office at 823-2484 or send an email to office@uccseb.org.

RSVP by **March 10**. For additional information call Kathleen Matthies at (707) 490-9867

This fun event sold out early last year, so plan to get your tickets now!



Music Programs at the Community Church



We have a vibrant and varied music department at the Community Church and you are invited to join in the fun!

For the Chancel Choir, contact Brian Plaughter at music@uccseb.org; for the New Band contact Paula Matzinger at 823-2484; for the Handbell Choir contact Karna or Linda Roa at handbells@uccseb.org; for the Children's Choir (ages 4-10) contact Jan Kahdeman or Andy DelMonte at childrensmusic@uccseb.org; for the Acoustic & Folk Group contact Keith Blackstone at Keith@uccseb.org; Ukuleles contact Vicki Reno at office@uccseb.org.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 2 | Theresa Weigel | 17 | Barbara Thompson |
| | Rosie Whetstone | 18 | Sonja Larssen |
| | Christian Roa | | Alec Henelsmith |
| 3 | Darryl Fenley | | Nina Henelsmith |
| 4 | Terry Beck | 19 | John Henel |
| | Meg Brown | 20 | Danelle Wilson |
| 5 | Gabriel Davidson | | Charles Medcalf |
| 6 | Ellen Sullivan | 22 | Bethany Nelson |
| 7 | Barbara Wilson | | Zachary Furber Dobson |
| | Reece Blackstone | 23 | Jim Johnson |
| 9 | Al Davison | | Jean Boal |
| | Herb Castillo | | Judy Davison |
| | Dustin Hamm | | Claire Godwin |
| 11 | Kathie Mayhew | 24 | Sophie Sherman |
| 12 | Charlotte Hildago | 26 | Margaux Jame |
| 14 | Jennifer Halleck | | Pam Ammondson |
| 15 | Martha Kautz | | Michael Murakami |
| | Joan Carter | | Benjamin Evans |
| | Brian Wetzel | 27 | Nancy Mathews |



Women's Fellowship

Workshops will be schedule as we get closer to our May 6 after-church craft sale and again for our November 4 sale in the fall.

February 16

The Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office. The General Meeting is at 10:30 AM for Devotionals and Business Meeting in the Fireside Room with a program to be announced. A salad luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall at noon. All women are invited to attend.

February 23

Women's Fellowship Circles will meet at 1PM at the homes of our members, locations to be announced.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will meet in the Fireside Room on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM and continue with a study on the Gospel of John. The winter study will focus on reading and discussion of these texts and related books. Please contact Muriel Weaver with any questions at 823-2484 or office@uccseb.org.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will meet on Thursday mornings, February 2, 16 and 23. We meet at 7:30 AM in the Fireside Room for coffee, conversation and Bible study. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

COPPERFIELD'S BOOKS & THE COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENT
FEBRUARY 25 AT 7 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Gerald Haslam: *In Thought and Action:*
*The Enigmatic Life of S. I. Hayakawa***

One of the most gripping images from the 1960's captures Dr. S.I. Hayakawa scrambling onto an SF State sound truck. Hayakawa had hoped to use this soapbox to address assembled demonstrators, but instead he ripped out speaker wires and halted an illegal campus demonstration—or denied first-amendment rights to the crowd, depending on your perspective.

This intimate and detailed biography of the one-term Republican senator who consistently bucked his party's ideals with his support of the women's movement draws on interviews with friends and family members, as well as Hayakawa's own papers and journals, to bring this controversial and fascinating figure to life. Join us at the Community Church of Sebastopol to hear Gerald Haslam speak about his research and the book on Dr. S.I. Hayakawa. This event is free and open to the public.

Coming to The Community Church on April 5: **Ann Lamott**
at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Presented by the Committee for Adult Education and Copperfield's Books.

Recycle Empty Ink Jet Cartridges

Leave your empty inkjet cartridges in the 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! Hundreds of dollars have been generated from your empty cartridges for this project. For a list of accepted empty cartridges, please see the list in the church office or call Karin in the office at 823-2484.

Lenten PERSONAL GROWTH CLASS WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 21 IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH with Gayle Madison

Theme: We will get to know our inner parts that protect and manage our lives, sometimes obscuring the flourishing of our Souls. (and whatever else comes up for you).

What: An Internal Family Systems (IFS) Personal Growth Group. To learn more about IFS check out the website at www.selfleadership.org.

When: Every Wednesday evening from 5-7PM. starting February 15 through March 21.

Where: Fireside Room at Community Church of Sebastopol.

Who: It is a group open to members and friends of the Community Church and the wider community.

Leader: Rev. Gayle Madison, UCC, is a Certified Pastoral Counselor and a Certified Internal Family Systems Therapist.

Fee: The fee is \$240 for 6 sessions payable all at once or weekly (\$40). (If the fee is a barrier to entry please email me).

Materials: Self Therapy: A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating Inner Wholeness Using IFS, A New, Cutting Edge Therapy by Jay Earley \$17.95. Optional: you may order it from Amazon.

Expectations: Everyone will learn to speak for their parts within the group setting and participate in one Self discovery session with Gayle.

Content: We will begin with a meditation. We will check-in speaking for our parts. Each week we will take turns having an opportunity to do individual work with our parts having Gayle guide us on a journey of self discovery.

Questions? Please contact Gayle at (415) 519-5931 or by email: gayleamadison@comcast.net.



New members will be received into The Community Church on Sunday, February 12th during the worship service. On Sunday, February 5th 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 February 5 and are interested in church membership, or if you have any questions, please see Gene or Kristen.



On Wednesday, February 22, we will mark the beginning of the season of Lent with a contemplative Ash Wednesday service in the Fireside Room.

The service will begin at 7:00 PM. Ashes will be available for those who would like to receive them as we start the 40 day journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and Holy Week.

APRIL 1 – PASTA LUNCH!

The Youth Pasta Lunch & Silent Auction is set for April 1st right after worship. Mark your calendars now and plan to join our youth in Memorial Hall for this very tasty fundraiser to benefit the Sr. High Youth 2012 Mission Trip.



We are accepting donations of new items for the auction and raffle – maybe you have tickets to a show, or a hot air balloon ride to donate! Smaller items like gift certificates to the movies, a new football or restaurant certificates are also welcome. Contact Kristen at KristenDelMonte@uccseb.org or call 823-2484 ext 14.



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**

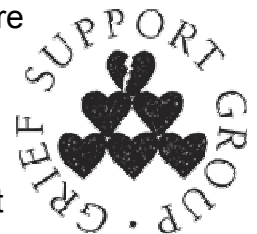
If you went to camp last year, a registration form will be mailed directly to you. Check www.ncnccucc.org for more information and to download registration and health forms.

Community Church of Sebastopol's **FAMILY CAMP:** **August 31-September 2, 2012**

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on all the fun!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Counselors Harry & Susanna Simms are available to meet with you in the Fireside Room on Thursday evenings at 7PM by appointment as they facilitate a support group dealing with the pain of grief. . Please call Harry or Susanna at 829-7769 to make an appointment or if you have any questions.



Passages

Deaths

Doris Woolner passed away in November 2011 at age 100. Doris and her husband Sid were faithful members of the Community Church for many years. Doris lived the past few years in a care facility in Milwaukee, Wisconsin near her family.

Jim Wiseman passed away on January 11 at his home in Elk Grove, California. He was 93. Jim and his late wife, Virginia, were very active members in The Community Church for 30 years before moving to be closer to family a few years ago. No services are planned at this time.

Birth

Joanne Matson is proud to announce the birth of her grandson William Fred Matson born in San Francisco to first time parents David and Ariel on January 18. William weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and everyone is home and healthy. Congratulations!

Community Award

Rev. Gene Nelson was honored by the City of Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce at the Community Awards event and named as the 2012 Sebastopol Citizen of the Year. More than 300 people attended the reception and awards ceremony held in Memorial Hall on January 26. As the Sebastopol Citizen of the Year, Gene will serve as Grand Marshall for the Apple Blossom Parade in April. Congratulations!

Staff Changes

Rev. DelMonte will be taking Maternity Leave from Thursday, February 23 until Wednesday, April 4. During this time, the current youth leaders will be leading youth group activities. In addition, Chris Wagner will be helping out with the Jr. high youth group and Kathy Bell will be helping out with the Sr. high youth group. Sunday School and Children's Ministry will be covered by a variety of volunteers.

Katherine Copenhaver is our new Bookkeeper and Receiving Treasurer, working in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Once Katherine is comfortable, she will also cover one day a week for Karin in the office.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Again this year, the Adult Education Committee is planning an all church retreat at Camp Cazadero. This year's retreat will be March 2-4. We will gather at Caz on Friday for dinner and depart after breakfast and worship on Sunday. This is not a planning or task-oriented retreat – it is more a time to step away from tasks and join in a time of quiet reflection and sharing in a beautiful location.

This year's leader will once again be the Rev. Bethany Nelson. Bethany, a graduate of Pacific School of Religion, was ordained in The Community Church and now serves as an associate pastor at Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Tiburon. Bethany will lead us through the weekend with the theme: "Genesis and the Goodness of Creation." In her words, "As we rest and play in the beautiful setting of Camp Cazadero, we'll take some time to consider familiar – and not so familiar – stories about creation from the Book of Genesis, reflecting on our own relationship to creation and to our Creator God. We'll focus on various ways to celebrate the goodness of creation and on God's role of Creator in our lives."

The cost of the retreat will be \$90 per person and will include our facilitator, two nights lodging and five delicious meals. If you have not yet heard, beginning on January 1, John and Cynthia Diggs return to Caz as our camp managers. Their work in the kitchen gives new meaning to the concept of "camp" food.

Please contact the church office or fill out the registration form below to sign up for what promises to be a refreshing and growing weekend. Space is limited to just 25 adults.

Sign me (us) up for the All-Church Retreat. March 2-4 at Caz:

Name (s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Enclose a check for \$90 per person, made out to The Community Church and mail to P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473. Call the office at 823-2484 with questions or office@uccseb.org.



Between Women Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Continental Breakfast 8:40 AM Discussion 9-11 AM

We invite all women to join us on the **Second Saturday each month** in the Fireside Room 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 you calendars and reserve the second Saturday of the month for **Between Women**.

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 Virginia Hughes at 823-1881 or Marie Cotton at 823-3375.

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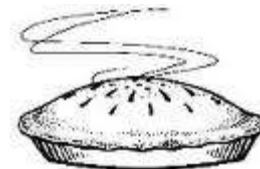
Between Women Between Women

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14**



**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 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: _____

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our Preschool-Second grade classes use the *Godly Play* curriculum. This is a wonderful curriculum that invites children to become aware of the Holy in our daily lives through creative story-telling of the Bible stories. Our children will be grouped together in three classes; Preschool & Kindergarteners, First & Second graders, Third, Fourth & Fifth graders. Each class will have teachers and helpers. Below is the January schedule:



Preschool & Kindergarten (Room #1)

| DATE | STORY | TEACHER |
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| February 5 | No Class – everyone in church for Communion | |
| February 12 | Parable of the Pearl | Debbie McCallum |
| February 19 | The Mystery of Easter | Debbie McCallum |
| February 26 | No Class – everyone in church for Communion on this First Sunday in Lent | |

First & Second Grade (Choir Room)

| DATE | STORY | TEACHER |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| February 5 | No Class – everyone in church for Communion | |
| February 12 | Parable of the Pearl | Laura Steyn |
| February 19 | The Mystery of Easter | Laura Steyn |
| February 26 | No Class – everyone in church for Communion on this First Sunday in Lent | |

3rd-5th Grade

The 3rd-5th grade class will be learning about Communion and will even learn to bake the Communion bread. On the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, the class will help serve Communion to the entire congregation. Please arrive at church at 9:30 to help set-up communion and prepare to serve.



JR. HIGH YOUTH WORKING TO END HUNGER



The Jr. High Youth at the Community Church of Sebastopol are working to help stamp out hunger by collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring. You can help too with your donations. The youth will be in worship on February 5 with their soup pots to collect your donations that will go directly to the West County Homeless Services Center and Catholic Worker to help folks right here in Sonoma County

One in five children in our country lives in poverty and that means even more people will be turning to food pantries this winter for help feeding their families. Help stamp out hunger by contributing the Jr. High Youth Souper Bowl of Caring on February 5, right here at the Community Church. Thank you for your support!

CIRCLE SERVICE COMMUNITY & CONVERSATION AN ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE FEBRUARY 18 4:30-6PM

Gather with us for Circle Service, a family-friendly casual worship where the focus is on community and conversation on Saturday, February 18 at 4:30 PM. This month's theme is Giving and Receiving.

We will begin at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for a community project and children's activities. The service will be held around 5:30 pm in the Fireside Room, followed by a pot luck and social time back in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEES TO MEET

Christian Education will meet on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room followed by the **Youth Committee** meeting at 7:30 PM, also in the Fireside Room.

Memorial Lilies will grace our chancel on Easter Morning, April 8. If you would like to order one of these beautiful living plants, please fill out the order form below and drop it into the collection plate along with your check. You may also leave this form and your payment in the church office. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to the Community Church.

DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER LILIES: APRIL 2

I wish to purchase _____ lily plant(s) \$_____ Enclosed
(\$10 each plant)

This lily is In Memory of _____

– OR –

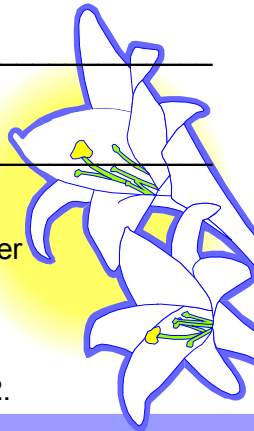
This lily is In Honor of _____

Given by (your name) _____

_____ I plan to take my lily plant home after Easter

_____ Please deliver my lily plant to a shut-in.

The deadline to order Easter Lilies is April 2.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the third Monday of the month, meeting next on February 20 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

Valentine's Day is February 14

Why not sweets for your sweetheart! Mission & Outreach has wonderful See's Chocolates for sale after church on January 29, February 5 and 12th – just in time for Valentines Day! Look for the table display and treat yourself and your sweetheart to some sweets and help fund the local Habitat builds all at the same time!



Pre orders will be taken on January 29 and February 5 with delivery on February 5 and 12. Small gift boxes will also be available for you to purchase with all proceeds benefiting the local Habitat for Humanity build projects.

ADULT MISSION TRIP FOR 2012

The 2012 Adult Mission trip is open to all adults – no matter what your age or skill level – there is a place for you! Work locations and dates are still under discussion and we'd love it if you would join us. Come to the Mission & Outreach meeting on February 20 to find out more, or call Joyce Cox at 829-0750.

UCC COALITION FOR LGBT CONCERNS

Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois

June 25-28, 2012

Registration begins March 1 for the National Gathering of the United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Concerns and to celebrate 40 years of LGBT ministry in the UCC. Inspiring worship, powerful preaching, joyful music, and workshops that will feed your mind and soul are awaiting you at the National Gathering 2012. Visit www.ucccoalition.org for more information and registration.

Pledge Update

This year as of 1/20/2012

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| Total Households Pledging | 115 |
| Operating Fund Pledges | \$249,874 |

Last year as of 1/20/2011

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| Total Households Pledging | 131 |
| Operating Fund Pledges | \$259,551 |



Pledge cards are available on the table in the Narthex. Please give prayerful thought to your financial support of the church for the coming year and send in your pledge card today!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA CONFERENCE OUTDOOR MINISTRIES ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2012-2013 LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Dear Friends,

Do you value the opportunity to step outside your daily life and experience the Still Speaking God in the midst of creation and community?

Are you - or anyone else you know - interested in helping in create such an opportunity for children, youth, young and older adults in our conference by serving as either a director or chaplain?

If you, or someone you know, would like to be considered as a director or chaplain for one of our annual events in the 2012-13 season, please submit an application to the conference office by Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.

Applications are now available online at www.ncncucc.org and go to Youth and then to Youth & Outdoor Ministries.

Sincerely,

Owen Stephens & Kathy Bell
NCNC UCC Outdoor Ministries Committee

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Sophie Sherman has been appointed as the new treasurer for our local Inter Church Food Pantry. The Community Church of Sebastopol is the largest supporter of our local Food Pantry, and we appreciate Sophie's commitment to volunteer for this important position. Thank you also to Diana Godwin who served as treasurer of the Inter Church Food Pantry for the past few years.

Bliss out on Sacred Feminine songs and images
With The Priestess of Permission

Katie Ketchum

& the "Sisters of Sparkle" goddess gospel choir singing
multicultural chants and gospel styles.
Audience participation

Every Second Sunday at 2:00 at The Community Church
Starting Sunday February 12th through May 13th

Everyone is welcome. Be held in the arms of the Sacred Feminine. Suggested donation \$10. No one turned away for lack of funds. These events to benefit the Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund

Katie sings to the child in all of us.

NBC NEWS LAS VEGAS

A voice like an angel.

GREIG STEWART,
BEST SELLING CANADIAN AUTHOR

Katie Ketchum is an award winning playwright, performer and songwriter. She appeared on NBC news on her "Clear the Air" tour across America. She has performed along side internationally acclaimed authors and artists including: Margaret Starbird, Shiloh Sophia McCloud, China Galland and Betty Bethard. Mother Teresa featured Katie's healing songs at her centers throughout India. Contact Katie via email: katieketchumband@bigplanet.com or on her website: www.katieketchum.com.

Sr. High Youth News February 2012

Senior High School PF Grades 9-12

February 5 No Meeting (enjoy the Superbowl!)

February 12 6:30-8:00 PM Fireside Room
Mission Trip Meeting

Come and find out all that there is to know about the Mission Trip! All who are interested in attending, or still thinking about the mission trip need to attend! Meet the leaders going on the trip and get the scoop. .



February 18-20 Feb Camp

Register and pay online at www.ncncucc.org and then join us at Monte Toyon for this special weekend. Make sure we know you are going so we have transportation for you. No evening meeting.

February 26 6:30-8:00 PM Fireside Room

Regular meeting, regular time – see you in the Fireside Room.

A note about Kristen's Maternity Leave: Kristen will be taking Maternity Leave from Thursday, February 23 until Wednesday, April 4. During this time, the current youth leaders will be leading youth group activities. In addition, Chris Wagner will be helping out with the Jr. high youth group and Kathy Bell will be helping out with the Sr. high youth group. Please look to the Monthly Youth Newsletter to the activities and times during the month of March.

Jr. High Youth News February 2012

Jr. High PF Grades 6th-8th

February 5 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM
Souper Bowl of Caring



We will be collecting donations immediately after church and donating them to the Catholic Worker and the West County Homeless services center. Please arrive for church at 10:30. No evening meeting.

February 12 2:30-5:00 PM

Join us as we deliver our donations from the Souper Bowl of Caring to the Catholic Worker. The Catholic Worker is a local food pantry run by our own Joanne Matson. We will help organize food donations and prepare for their weekly pick-up. Dress warmly! We will have snack and discussion after. No evening meetings.


February 19 4:30-6:00 PM Fireside Room
Fun Night

Join us for some exceptionally fun activities and snacks! This is Kristen's last night with us, as she prepares for the arrival of the new baby.

February 26 4:30-6:00 PM Fireside Room
Discussion and Activities Night!

How does our history and our family define who we are? Join Laurie Felciano for a lively discussion and fun activities – you won't believe how cool this is!

FEBRUARY 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 Annual Meeting & Luncheon following Worship today in Memorial Hall 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:30 AM Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry | 30 | 31 | 1 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Handbells | 2 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:30 AM Jr. High Youth Souper Bowl of Caring 10:30 AM Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry 11:45 AM New Member Meeting | 6 2:00 PM Afternoon Reader's Circle: "Out of Africa" 7:00 PM Evening Reader's Circle: "Out of Africa" | 7 | 8 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting | 9 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 10 | 11 8:40 AM Between Women 11:30 AM Homeless Lunch at the Community Church |
| 12 New Members Received into the Community Church 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:30 AM Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry 2:00 PM Katie Ketchum & the Sisters of Sparkle with Sacred Feminine Songs 2:30 PM Jr. High Youth at the Catholic Worker 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth | 13 | 14  | 15 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Lenten Personal Growth Class with Gayle Madison 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM Handbells | 16 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 17 | 18 Sr. High Youth Feb Camp 4:30 PM CIRCLE SERVICE: Alternative Worship |
| 19 Sr. High Youth Feb Camp 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:30 AM Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth | 20 Sr. High Youth Feb Camp 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach | 21 | 22 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Lenten Personal Growth Class with Gayle Madison 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM Church Council 7:30 PM Handbells | 23 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 1:00 PM Women's Fellowship Circles 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 24 | 25 7:00 PM Adult Ed & Copperfield's Present: Gerald Haslam: In Thought and Action; The Enigmatic Life of S.I. Hayakawa Sanctuary at the Community Church |
| 26 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice 10:30 AM Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth | 27 | 28 6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Faith Journey in the Fireside Room | 29 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Lenten Personal Growth Class with Gayle Madison 7:00 PM Handbells | 1 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 2 Church Adult Retreat at Camp Caz | 3 Church Adult Retreat at Camp Caz |