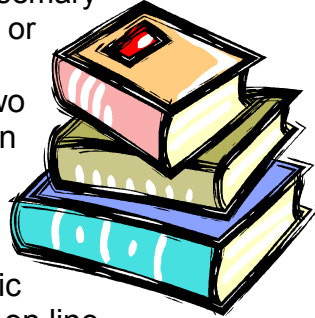


**READER'S CIRCLE 2012**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH BOOK GROUP**  
**KENYA PIONEERS**

The Readers Circle will meet in the Fireside Room on Monday, March 5, with duplicate sessions, for your convenience, 2 – 4 and 7 – 8:30 pm. All are welcome, and there is no charge. For more information please contact Rosemary Manchester, 707 823 3477 or [R\\_manchester@comcast.net](mailto:R_manchester@comcast.net).

This series is designed to give you two accounts 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.



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

The next book for Community Church Readers Circle will be *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham. Markham was a contemporary of Isak Dinesen (*Out of Africa*). The two lived near each other in Nairobi, Kenya, and shared the same social circle, but you would not describe them as friends.

Markham grew up with Masai playmates, became famous as a breeder and trainer of race horses. She became even more famous as an aviatrix, the first woman to earn an aviator's license in Africa, later the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic from east to west.

*West with the Night* is a classic. Ernest Hemingway said she wrote so well, it made him ashamed of himself as a writer. The book is available at the library, at bookstores and on the web.

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

Precious Ramotswe 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 March 2012

**LENTEN SERMON THEME: *Discipleship 101***

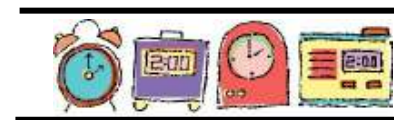
To walk with Jesus toward Holy Week is to find ourselves in a crash course on discipleship

**March 4 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**DISCIPLESHIP 101: DID HE SAY WHAT I THOUGHT HE SAID?**  
On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches that he must suffer and die. What kind of a Messiah is that? And why follow him?

**Mark 8: 31-38**

**Rev. Nelson**



## Daylight Saving Time Begins March 11

**March 11 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**DISCIPLESHIP 101: GOOD-BYE TO THE MONEY-CHANGERS**  
In the Gospel of John, Jesus walks into Jerusalem and picks a fight. He serves notice that it will not longer be business as usual. **John 2: 13-22**

**Rev. Nelson**

**March 18 THE FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

On this forth Sunday of Lent, Rev. Brian Plaughter will preach.  
**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**March 25 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**DISCIPLESHIP 101: WRITTEN ON THE HEART**  
The promise is that, as we journey in the faith, God will not remain unknown to us, but will in fact be written into our hearts, renewing hearts and minds. Could that be what it means to lose our lives in order to find life?

**Jeremiah 31: 31-34; John 12: 20-26**

**Rev. Nelson**

# Between Women Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012**

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

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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***.

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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 or Marie Cotton at 823-3375.

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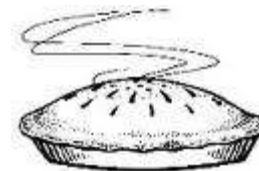
## Between Women

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### 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.

**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](mailto: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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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
March 4	Faces of Easter	Rachel Knuth
March 11	Faces of Easter	Rachel Knuth
March 18	Faces of Easter	Rachel Knuth
March 25	Faces of Easter	Rachel Knuth

### First & Second Grade (Choir Room)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
March 4	Faces of Easter	Jamie Malone
March 11	Faces of Easter	Jamie Malone
March 18	Faces of Easter	Jamie Malone
March 25	Faces of Easter	Jamie Malone

### 3rd-5th Grade (Room #4)

#### SPECIAL LENT CURRICULUM

Join us for a special Lenten series on different symbols of Christianity. We will learn about the butterfly and its special meaning for Lent, we will even have our very own butterfly pavilion! Come and watch our caterpillars change into butterflies. We will also be learning about the importance of fish for First Century Christians and make our own 'praying hands'. Have you heard about the legend of the Robin? Come and find out as we journey together through Lent.



## 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.



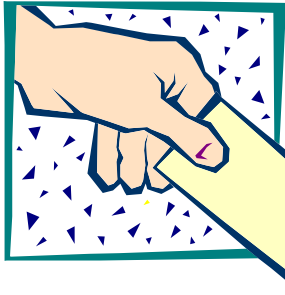
### CIRCLE SERVICE IS NOW **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!** AN ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 17 4:30-6PM

Ready for some St Paddy's Day fun? Come join the other young families of the church for a Family Fellowship Night! We have a special "green" community service project planned, followed by some games and a potluck dinner. Know a young family who would enjoy a night out? Bring them along! All are welcome.

Please bring a St. Paddy's day dish to share for our potluck dinner! We will begin at 4:30 pm in Memorial Hall for a community project and children's activities, followed by our potluck. We hope to see you there!

Questions: Contact Sara Margulis [sara@furiousdonuts.com](mailto:sara@furiousdonuts.com) or Jamie Malone [jadmalone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jadmalone@sbcglobal.net).





# FINANCIAL UPDATE

The financial picture for January was a classic case of good news/bad news. It proved to be a strong month financially, with both pledge

and plate income exceeding projections. But it was also a month with high expenses as several quarterly payments were made. Our higher than usual administrative costs, all of which will even out over 12 months, means we finished the first month of the year with an operating deficit of \$6636. Expenses will drop in February, so hopefully it will be a month when we can cut into that deficit.

There is good news concerning operating pledges. As of mid-February, we have received 121 pledges totaling \$263,934. This means we have exceeded our pledge goal for 2012 by more than \$7000! Thank you for your faithful support of our church and its ministry.

## Pledge Update

### This year as of 2/21/2012

Total Households Pledging	121
Operating Fund Pledges	\$263,934

### Last year as of 2/20/2011

Total Households Pledging	141
Operating Fund Pledges	\$274,559

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!

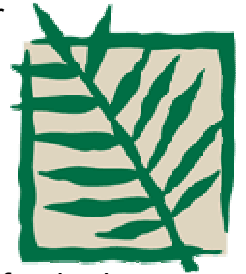


## BOOKKEEPER AND RECEIVING TREASURER

Katherine Copenhaver, our new Bookkeeper and Receiving Treasurer, can be reached in the financial office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 823-2484 ext. 13 or by email: [Financial@ucceb.org](mailto:Financial@ucceb.org).

## BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

Our new Sunday morning hospitality team is inviting you to invite a friend, or two or three, to join you for our 10:30 am Palm Sunday service. This will be a “visitor friendly” service, with the Children’s Choir’s Palm Processional, uplifting music by our Chancel Choir and, hopefully, an uplifting sermon!



And after church, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for children and the annual Pasta Lunch fund-raiser for our Senior High Youth. You will be hearing more about this, but why not begin now thinking of a person or persons you might like to invite to church on April 1<sup>st</sup> to share in the joy of worship.

## New Building Update

Final construction documents have been submitted by our architect to the Sebastopol Building Department. They have indicated the plans should be reviewed and a Building Permit issued soon after the first of March. Our contractor, McDevitt Construction, has begun receiving the process of obtaining bids from sub-contractors. The planned deadline for all bids is March 8. McDevitt will review the numbers and then meet with a committee from The Community Church to review the numbers figures. So, behind the scenes, we are moving ahead. A complete set of plans will be available in the church office.

Also, on the financial front, all necessary loans have been procured from church members, so we are prepared financially to begin our project. You can help by sending in your Building Pledge today.

## Lenten PERSONAL GROWTH CLASS

The Lenten Personal Growth Class with Gayle Madison will be held Thursdays, from February 15 – March 21 at the First Congregational UCC in Santa Rosa. Cost is \$240 for 6 sessions payable all at once or weekly (\$40). If the fee is a barrier to entry please contact Gayle at (415) 519-5931 or email [gayleamadison@comcast.net](mailto:gayleamadison@comcast.net).



# One Great Hour of Sharing



This year's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) will be received in The Community Church on Sunday, March 18th. This offering, gathered in each spring in Protestant churches throughout the world, is used for both emergency needs and long term development projects in the United States and throughout the world. When there is an earthquake in Japan or a flood in Indiana, we are there, making a difference, through our generous gifts to OGHS.

But more than that...when a well is dug in a rural community bringing clean water within reach for the first time, we are there; when a farmer is given seed and taught new methods of farming to increase the harvest, we are there; when a classroom of young children receives books and desks for the first time, we are there. Our OGHS gifts are transformed into hope and joy and new possibilities for countless numbers of people around the world.

So please give generously on the 18th or by sending in a gift to the church office. Sow bountifully and share abundantly, knowing that you are helping to change lives.



## WHERE HAVE ALL THE ROSES GONE?

Many of you have commented on our missing roses! The rose garden was planted upon the completion of Memorial Hall with many of the roses planted in memory of loved ones. In preparation for our new building project, the roses have been moved and are in safe keeping under the watchful eye of Bob Holland. The roses will be replanted once our project is complete. Thank you Bob!

## NORTHBAY ORGANIZING

NorthBay Organizing will hold an open house – a meet and greet – for all persons interested in finding out more about this grass-roots organization. What is in the future for West County? What changes do you want to see and be a part of? Meet with local organizer Susan Shaw, members from the Community Church and other local congregations in Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, March 11. Refreshments will be served.

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

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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](mailto:katieketchumband@bigplanet.com) or on her website: [www.katieketchum.com](http://www.katieketchum.com).

## MUSIC ART DANCE AND DISCOVERY CAMP!

**AUGUST 6-9**

Come and join us for a week of learning about God's love through music, art, dance and discovery! Save the date: Monday, August 6 through Thursday, August 9. 9:00-12:30 every day! Dress up days, dancing, singing, crafts and fun science discoveries! Watch for more details for this fun summer event



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Our San Francisco Giants are back on track and we have tickets to not one, but two games! We had so many requests



for the bus trip to the Giants baseball game last summer that we are offering two different games this summer! 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 one (or two) great trips to see Giant Baseball with your friends.

Both of our games are on Saturdays, with 1:05 start times, so we plan to leave about 10:30 AM from the church parking lot.

### **Saturday, June 9 Giants vs. Atlanta Braves**

38 tickets @ \$48 (view reserve infield)

12 tickets @ \$55 (lower box left field)

### **Saturday, August 25 Giants vs. Texas Rangers**

50 tickets @ \$55 (view reserve outfield)

Sign up sheets are 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](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

For families with children ages 10 & under  
**April 1 at 11:30 AM** (right after church!)

Right here at the Community Church!

Join us for this fun event for all children ages 10 and younger. We will have fun with two egg hunts – one for the more experienced children and another hunt for those ages four and younger.

Immediately following the egg hunt, join us for lunch in Memorial Hall with the Pasta Lunch & Silent Auction fundraiser. A yummy kid-friendly pasta lunch for the whole family! Take out meals are also available.

If you would like to help with the egg hunt, please contact the church office at 823-2484.



## VACATION TIME

Rev. Nelson will be out of the office March 15 – 19, spending some vacation time with his family in Tahoe and hoping for some snow.

**Thank YOU!**

From Rev. Kristen DelMonte – a big thank you to Women's Fellowship for organizing such a wonderful baby shower! It was such a treat to visit with you and see all the cute baby items I will be using in just a short while. And all the handmade booties you created for the table decorations will keep our little one's feet toasty warm! Thank you and I can wait to show off our new daughter. Kristen

From Rev. Gene Nelson – thank you for the beautiful fishing net – again, it was all of you who made the Sebastopol Citizen of the Year possible. With any luck at all, a fish will find its way into the net! I will be sure to report back to you on my glorious catch! Gene

# Passages

## Deaths

Don Falkingham, a member of The Community Church since 2002, died on January 17 in Florida where he and his wife Joella have lived for the past seven years. He was 93.

Mary McMillon's sister, Elizabeth Klein who resided in Chicago, died after a year long battle with cancer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these families.

## Baptisms



Cassius and Victoria Nelson, children of Mark and Anne Nelson, were baptized into the Christian faith on February 19 at The Community Church. Mark Nelson, a new member of The Community Church, was baptized the week prior on February 12. Rev. Nelson officiated at each of the baptisms.

Cousins Ruby Hudlow and Callia Allender were baptized on February 26 at The Community Church of Sebastopol by Rev. Gene Nelson. Ruby is the daughter of Chris Hudlow and Christy Saxton. Callia is the daughter of Catherine (CJ) Hudlow and Craig Allender. Proud grandmother is Carole Hudlow. Blessings and congratulations to all.

## Births

Louis Hughes Scurini was born on February 15 in Santa Rosa, weighing in at 7 pounds. Louis is the second great grandson for our own Virginia Hughes.

Deidra and Chris Warner are the proud parents of their second son, Parker M. Warner, born February 16 at 8:40 AM and weighed 8 lbs 10 oz. Parker was welcomed home by big brother Lincoln. Blessings and congratulations to 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 at 823-2484 if you would like to attend or email: [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

## SUMMER CALENDAR REMINDERS

June 16 Women's Retreat will hold a **Yard Sale** in the Danmar parking lot during the day.

Also on June 16 at 7 PM, enjoy a special musical fundraiser with Darryl Fenley in the sanctuary.

The **All –Church Picnic** with entertainment by the Community Band will be held on July 1. Mark your calendars now!

And the **Women's Summer Retreat** will be held from July 20-23, 2012 – more details coming your way soon!



# March Birthdays

1	Jamie Lerum	12	Avy Card
	Maya Malone	15	Megan Bradley
	John Carlson	17	Lynn Brittan
2	Paul Nurmi		Lori Babcock
3	CJ Hudlow	18	Lloyd Lerum
4	Pam Kruse		Karyl Clenenen-Drennon
	Jay Zimmer		Tami Hinckley
5	Denelle Tognozzi		Sonja Leake
	Hope Madden		Jerry Coleman
	Krista Kalemba	19	Breanne Cassells
7	Wendy Cunningham		Esme Sundance
	Luther Urton	20	Joyce Cox
8	Allana McDonald	22	Taylor Davison
	Erik Holland		Carter Bell
	Olivia Foster		Jessica Osborn
9	Julie Davis	23	Nao Noguchi
	Todd Edwards		Lee Davis
	Paul Brink		Charlie Jenkins
10	Venice DelMonte		Esme Arendt
	Amy Rocha	25	Kathy Smith
	Sara Jordan	26	Elliot Butterfield
11	Joella Falkingham		Erin Butterfield
	Diana Iverson		Joshua Bradley
	Curt Nichols		Olivia Stoll
	Elena Larssen	27	Jim Lerum
	Kendall Dawson		Tristan Holland
12	Brook Embry	28	Helen Williams
	Liz Junge	29	Margarette Murakami
	Owen Thomas		Rich McChesney
	Reece Thomas		Diane Brink

# Women's Fellowship

## March 15 & Meetings

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 presentation to be announced. A salad luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

## March 22 & Circles

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

## March 29 & Kitchen Maintenance

All Women's Fellowship Circles are invited to help with our semi-annual kitchen clean up. Please plan to join us at 10 AM – many hands make for a much easier job!



## Women's Fellowship Spring Boutique May 6

Mark your calendars for the Women's Fellowship Spring Boutique – crafts, home baked goods, embroidered towels, plants and so much more!

## Women's Retreat

### FUNDRAISER

Women's Retreat Committee is planning a Yard Sale for June 16 at the Community Church parking lot on Danmar Drive.

If you have items you would like to donate to yard sale for the Women's Retreat Committee, contact Lisa Dawson at 953-3545 or [LisaDawson@sonic.net](mailto:LisaDawson@sonic.net).





COPPERFIELD'S BOOKS & THE COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENT  
**MARCH 10 AT 6 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **Our Generation: Land • Culture • Freedom**



Saturday, March 10, please join Katie Kasben for a glimpse into the heart of darkness in modern day Australia with the documentary **OUR GENERATION**, which looks at the world's oldest living culture and the devastating effects of the government's nefarious "Intervention".

This event is free and open to the public. A Free Will offering will be collected (suggested donation of \$10) to benefit the First Peoples of Australia's fight to end government intervention.

**OUR GENERATION** is a powerful and upfront documentary on the Australian Aboriginal struggle for their land, culture and freedom – a story that has been silenced by the Australian Government and mainstream media.

Driven by the remote Yolngu of Northeast Arnhem Land, one of the last strongholds of traditional Aboriginal culture in Australia, as well as the voices of national indigenous leaders, historians and human rights activists, the film explores the ongoing clash of cultures that is threatening to wipe out the oldest continuing culture in the world. With music by John Butler Trio, Yothu Yindi, Xavier Rudd, Gurrumul, Archie Roach, Goanna, Saltwater Band and more, made in collaboration with the Documentary Australia Foundation, a philanthropic initiative. Watch the video trailer: <http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/>

*Coming to The Community Church:* **Anne Lamott** on April 5 at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Presented by the Committee for Adult Education and Copperfield's Books, Ann will share with us from her newest novel: *Some Assembly Required, A Journal of My Son's First Son*. Ms. Lamott will be available to sign books following her presentation. Call the church office for ticket information – we expect this event to be standing room only.



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## **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**

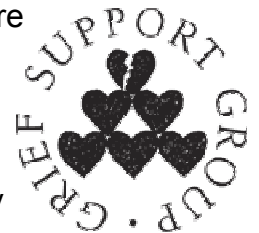
If you went to camp last year, a registration form will be mailed directly to you. Check [www.ncncucc.org](http://www.ncncucc.org) for more information and to download registration and health forms.

## **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 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. .



# Holy Week



## **W** *APRIL 1 PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM*

we remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with a palm processional and music by our Children's and Chancel Choirs. This will also be our **BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY**, and after worship there will be an Easter Egg hunt for kids and our all-church pasta luncheon sponsored by our Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship.

## *APRIL 5 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 PM*

**W**e will come together at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall for a simple soup supper and a service of communion as we recall Jesus' last night with his disciples in the Upper Room. Special Music by the Chancel Choir. Following our time of worship, we will move to the sanctuary for an evening with Anne LaMott.

## *APRIL 6 GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 PM*

**W**e will gather in the back of the sanctuary at 7:30 for an informal and contemplative Good Friday service, concluding with the service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is an ancient and moving service of the extinguishing of lights as the story of Jesus betrayal, arrest and crucifixion is told.

## *APRIL 8 EASTER SUNDAY*

**A**gain this year we will celebrate Easter with three distinctive services:

**6:30 AM – Sunrise Service in Ragle Park.** Led by the Rev. Brian Plaughter with music by members of our acoustic group  
**9:00 AM –** An Easter service with a distinctive sound as our Jazz group and our New Band provide musical leadership.

**11:00 AM –** A classic Easter celebration with music led by our Chancel and Handbell Choirs. Join us for these wonderful celebrations of resurrection, new life and hope!

## Thank You

- Thank you to all the people who worked to put together our annual meeting – Denelle and Gary Tognozzi for the pasta, our set up crew, Josephine Weigel and daughters Marquesa and Theresa and all the folks who just joined in to help with clean up.
- Thanks to Kathy Bell, our head dishwasher and all her helpers.
- Thanks to our Brass for starting our Annual Meeting off on such a good note and all of you (more than 150) who were in attendance.
- Thanks to Deirdre Warner and the Budget Committee for the hours they spent crunching numbers.
- Thanks to our Moderator, Mark Stevens for his leadership in 2011 and to all our committee and board members for their countless hours of service during the past year.
- Thank you to Keith Blackstone, Tom Dilley and Nils Molin for cleaning the gutters in hopes we get some more rain!
- And thank you to Bob Holland for taking such good care of our roses while they await the completion of the new building and to our garden helpers Barbara Whitson, Nancy Lee, Harry Sullivan and Josephine Weigel.

## Thank You

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study group will meet in the Fireside Room at 10 AM Wednesday mornings during the month of March.

Please call Muriel Weaver for information at 823-2484.



**BIBLE**  
Studies

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 AM in the Fireside Room on March 1, 8, 22 and March 29. The coffee is always hot and the discussion lively - please join us. All men of the church are invited to attend.

**M**emorial 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 –

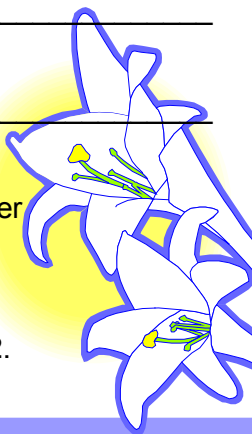
This lily is In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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 March 19 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

***Habitat Fund Raiser - a Sweat Deal***

Mission & Outreach has wonderful See's Chocolates for sale after church on March 18, 25 and April 1 – just in time for your Easter basket! Look for the table display and treat yourself and your family to a chocolate bunny and help fund the local Habitat builds all at the same time!



Pre orders will be taken on March 18 and 25 with delivery on March 25 and April 1. 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 March 19 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](http://www.ucccoalition.org) for more information and registration.



Come and enjoy  
good food,  
family and  
friends – and an  
afternoon of FUN  
– all for a great  
cause!

## Pasta Lunch, Auction & Raffle April 1, 2012

JOIN US RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP IN MEMORIAL HALL  
AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL, UCC  
1000 GRAVENSTEIN HWY. NORTH  
MEMORIAL HALL

MANY ITEMS & SERVICES DONATED BY MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

### Auction Items & Raffle for a Great Cause

**The Senior High Youth Fellowship Annual Mission Trip**

*Bid for the prize and then raise your bid for our youth!*

Lunch Served After Church (to go meals available!)  
Enjoy all you can eat Pasta, Salad, Bread,  
Beverages and Dessert!

Yummm! The best pasta sauce anywhere, prepared by  
Chefs Carlson and DelMonte.

🎫 \$10 General Admission 🎫

🎫 Children 8 & under eat FREE 🎫

Tickets available on Sundays beginning March 4 from the youth,  
or in the church office, or at the door on the day of the event.

Auction donations accepted – please bring your donation to the  
church office. Questions? Call 823-2484.

## 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 28, 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 Karin in the church office at 823-2484. If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate the soup suppers, please call Karin or send an email: [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

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. Our presenters for this Lenten season are:

February 28	7 PM Faith Journey Presenter: Sara Margulis
March 6	7 PM Faith Journey Presenter: Laura Steyn
March 13	7 PM Faith Journey Presenter: Alvin Hukins
March 20	7 PM Faith Journey Presenter: Mary Coleman
March 27	7 PM Faith Journey Presenter: Jan Kahdeman

Please contact Gail Thomas at [PoohCornerFarm@comcast.net](mailto:PoohCornerFarm@comcast.net) or call the office at 823-2484 or if you would like to present your faith journey on next year's schedule. To help with the soup suppers, please contact Karin in the church office at 823-2484. If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate the soup suppers, please call Karin or send an email: [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).





# Sr. High Youth News March 2012

Senior High School PF Grades 9-12

**March 4 6:30-8:00 PM Dinner & Discussion**

We have lots to talk about and who doesn't love a good dinner!

**March 11 6:30-8:00 PM Sushi Night!**

Another dinner meeting – but this time we all get to “cook” as Margarett Murakami shows us how to prepare sushi. Then it's time to warm up your chop sticks for dinner! .

**March 18 No Meeting Tonight**

**March 25 6:30-8:00 PM Fireside Room**

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



**April 1** – no fooling, it's our Pasta Lunch after church – our biggest fundraiser of the year. We will be selling tickets after church during the month of March.

And coming in May...

Discovery Kingdom! Saturday, May 20. Mark your calendars now and be sure to reserve your space. Watch the mail for more information!

2012 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip – June 6-13 – are you getting excited yet?

# Jr. High Youth News March 2012

Jr. High PF Grades 6th-8th

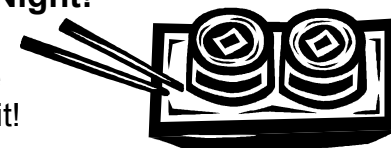
**March 4 4:30-6 PM**

**Cooking for the Homeless Luncheon**

We will meet in Fellowship Hall kitchen and prepare a meal for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month homeless luncheon.

**March 11 4:30-6 PM Sushi Night!**

We are so lucky – Margarett Murakami will teach us how to make sushi – and then we get to eat it!



**March 18 No Meeting Tonight**

**March 25 4:30-6:00 PM Movie Night**

Bring a friend and join us in the Fireside Room for a movie, and what else... popcorn of course!

Coming in May...

Discovery Kingdom! Saturday, May 20. Mark your calendars now and be sure to reserve your space. Watch the mail for more info!

Mini-Mission Trip! We will venture out for a whole weekend of service May 25-28 (Memorial Day weekend). More information to come! Watch the mail for details.

## MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:30 PM</b> Jr. High Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Sr. High Youth	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Faith Journey in the Fireside Room	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> Church Adult Retreat at Camp Caz	<b>3</b> Church Adult Retreat at Camp Caz
<b>4</b> Church Adult Retreat at Camp Caz <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:30 PM</b> Jr. High Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Sr. High Youth	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Faith Journey in the Fireside Room	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>8</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Memorial & Endowment	<b>10</b> <b>8:40 AM</b> Between Women <b>11:30 AM</b> Homeless Lunch at the Community Church <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Ed & Copperfield's Present: OUR GENERATION - at the Community Church
<b>11</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry <b>11:30 AM</b> NorthBay Community Organizing Meet & Greet <b>2:00 PM</b> Katie Ketchum & the Sisters of Sparkle with Sacred Feminine Songs <b>4:30 PM</b> Jr. High Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Sr. High Youth	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Faith Journey in the Fireside Room	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Board <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Fellowship Luncheon <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Young Families Circle Service & Potluck
<b>18</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach	<b>20</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Faith Journey in the Fireside Room	<b>21</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>22</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Women's Fellowship Circles <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:30 PM</b> Jr. High Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Sr. High Youth	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Faith Journey in the Fireside Room	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Kitchen Maintenance <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

Rev. Nelson will be out of the office March 15 through March 19.  
 Rev. DelMonte is on maternity leave and will be gone the entire month of March, through April 5.

Starting March 5, Katherine Copenhaver will cover the office on Mondays from 8:30-4 PM. Karin will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.