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*From the Pastor*

I'm going to take a wild and crazy guess...I'm going to guess that most of you have found our church and your experience in our church to be meaningful, significant, even life-changing in some way. Perhaps it has been through music, prayers or sermons in worship; perhaps it has been through the sharing of a time of great joy or great sorrow; perhaps it has been on a retreat or at Camp Caz; perhaps it has been through relationships and friendships established and deepened over the years. In some way, at some time, this community of faith has touched your life. But does anyone know?

In a recent sermon I mentioned the Thomas Hardy character, Farmer Oak. He stood at the window and saw a young woman go back and forth, every morning and every evening, to milk the cows. He just watched her go every day with the pails empty and full. Eventually he fell in love with her there behind the glass, in the house, looking out the window. He loved her, but she never knew because he was afraid - afraid to say anything to her.

When it comes to sharing our church experience, my guess is that many of us are like Farmer Oak. I'll admit it, even as a pastor of this church, I find it is hard, even fearful, to talk to others about our church and to invite others to join us for worship. It feels so pushy, perhaps even rude. And what if they refuse? And yet, if you don't say something how will they ever know? People often comment on my newspaper columns, but columns don't bring many people to church. Many in town are commenting on the beauty of our new Pilgrim Center, but while the new building raises our visibility, it doesn't bring many people to church. Words and buildings don't bring people to church. People bring people to church; you bring people to church!

I am daily thankful that we remain a healthy and vibrant congregation. But we really aren't growing much if at all. So I want to spend time this summer thinking with you about outreach, about growth, about how we can share our story. It is a story worth sharing. And I want to invite you to share it...with a friend, a family member, a colleague. Is there someone you know who might find our church as meaningful as you have found it? For it remains true: Wherever we go, there goes the church of Jesus Christ, there goes The Community Church of Sebastopol.

*Gene*

# Sermons & Scripture June 2013

## REV. NELSON AT THE RIALTO CINEMAS

On Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Rialto Cinemas in Sebastopol will be showing the documentary, *Live Free or Die*, the story of Gene Robinson, the first openly gay Bishop in the Episcopal Church. Following the showing, there will be a panel discussion and Rev. Nelson has been asked to be a participant in that panel. The film begins at 7 PM and the event is FREE.

## PASTORAL TIME OFF IN JUNE

Rev. Nelson will be taking some vacation time from June 2nd through June 5th. Then he will be away from June 17th to June 29th participating in the Adult Mission Trip and following that, attending a preaching conference in Wisconsin.

## OFFICE TIME OFF

Karin Seder will be out of the office the week of June 16, participating in the Adult Mission Trip to Henryville, Indiana. Office hours will be sporadic during the week and your patience is appreciated.

## CHECK SCHEDULE

Please note that no checks will be issued the week of June 16. Check requests received before June 11 will be available by late afternoon on June 12. Check requests received after June 11 will be issued on June 26.

## 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. We have featured everything from photos of your quilting project, to copies of watercolors and oils, drawings and photographs. We need to be able to copy your project on our copier in the office and shrink it to fit our our bulletin cover ((8 ½ x 7). Call the office with any questions at 823-2484 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

**June 2**

### Christian Education Sunday

**Honoring those who serve our Children & Youth Ministries**  
Rev. Kristen DelMonte will lead the worship service with our Jr. High Youth as we celebrate the Children's and Education Ministry of our church. **Communion**

**June 9 ON BUYING JUNK AND SELLING ANTIQUES**  
In an autobiographical reflection, Paul talks about his remarkable transformation from persecutor of Christians to preacher of the Gospel of Christ. God just refuses to give up on us!

**Galatians 1:11-24**

**Rev. Nelson**

**June 16**

### THE INDWELLING CHRIST

Paul truly believes that he is a new man. The old Paul has died and he is now "in Christ." Does such language make any sense to us?

**Galatians 2:15-21**

**Rev. Nelson**

**June 23** Church member and seminary graduate, Rachel Knuth, will be our guest preacher this Sunday.

**June 30**

### SABBATH SENSE

The Bible has many surprising, even radical teachings. But perhaps nothing in the Bible is as radical for people like us as its insistence on Sabbath time.

**Exodus 20:8-11**

**Rev. Nelson**



*Celebrate with  
Dad  
on June 16*



## COUNCIL & TRUSTEES MEETING CHANGES

The Church Council will not meet in June and will change the July meeting to July 10, 7 PM in the Fireside Room. The Church Board of Trustees will meet as regularly schedule on June 19 at 7 PM in the Media Room and will not meet in the month of July.

## ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Adult Education invites you to drop in for our Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School. Visit the Fireside Room at 9:30 for coffee and 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 read the passage, discuss it, and during worship, listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight. 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!

## BIBLE STUDIES

The Men's and Women's Bible Study groups will be on break for the summer and resume again in the fall. Enjoy your summer!



## APPLE PIES EVENT

AUGUST 8, 9, 10, 11, 2013



Mark your calendar for this fun multi-generational event August 8-11 as we prepare and bake over 1500 Gravenstein apple pies for the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Not only is this event fun, but all proceeds fund our camp scholarships for youth camps and Family Camp at Camp Cazadero.



Northern California  
Nevada Conference  
United Church of Christ

## Summer Camps 2013

### New at Camp Caz this Year!

#### You & Me Camp (ENTERING GRADES K-3) Aug 16-18

A great experience for first-time campers! Children can go to camp with a parent, grandparent, favorite aunt/uncle or other adult! Each adult may bring up to 3 children, entering grades K through 3. Each child may bring up to 2 adults. Check out registration and special pricing at [www.ncncucc.org](http://www.ncncucc.org).

And to make this camp even more inviting, we offer a great Apple Pie Scholarship – just sign up to work our Apple Pies Event on August 8-11. Adults and children who sign up for this camp (and work our apple pies event the week prior to camp) can each earn a \$75 scholarship – that makes for an unbeatable deal to camp! Call Karin or Katherine in the church office to sign up.

### At Camp Cazadero

#### Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 3-6) July 21-27

#### Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 6-9) July 28- Aug 3

#### Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 14-20

### At Camp Tamarack

#### Junior & Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 4-8) July 21- 27

#### Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 28-Aug 3

Check [www.ncncucc.org](http://www.ncncucc.org) for more information and to download registration and health forms. Sign up to work our Apple Pies Event (August 9-10-11) and you can earn a scholarship for up to \$150 off the price of your camp registration. Sign up before the early bird deadline and you will save even more! Contact the church office – 823-2484 or by email: [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) to sign up for an Apple Pies Camp Scholarship.



### A SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED

Participating in our Parish Care group offers each of us a way to give a gift to our church community by helping those who need a helping hand. Volunteers are comprised of members and friends of the Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC.

The main emphasis of Parish Care services are:

**Visiting** Home visits for those who cannot attend church services

**Transportation** to church services and events, medical appointments, grocery shopping

**Food**, dinners following a hospital stay, or if ill at home, food shopping for the individual

**Miscellaneous** simple cell phone, computer help, pet help or ?

**More Helping Hands** – you can also add your name to a list of persons in our church family who are willing to offer services for hire: handyman, gardening, house cleaning, house painting, window washing, house sitting, etc. Contact Barbara Whitson to add your name to our Helping Hand: Services for Hire, at (707) 322-2012.

If you are in need of help or know some one who is, or would like to become a Parish Care volunteer, please contact Barbara Whitson at (707) 322-2012 or the church office at 823-2484.

### RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

To receive the newsletter online, visit [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org), go to 'News & Events' and select 'Newsletters.' Right there you have the opportunity to read the newsletter online and **GO GREEN** and sign up for the online newsletter. Save paper, save postage and save money!

Do you have ideas or comments about our website – we'd love to hear from you. You can respond via the website on our 'Contacts' page or on the phone at 823-2484 or in person.

The website has been a work in progress for a long while – it's finally here and we are very excited. Hope you are too!

# July 7



## ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Come join the fun on July 7 for our annual Church Picnic – great BBQ, home made ice cream and the Community Band all on a special day right here at the Community Church. You don't want to miss out, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us on July 7, right after worship.

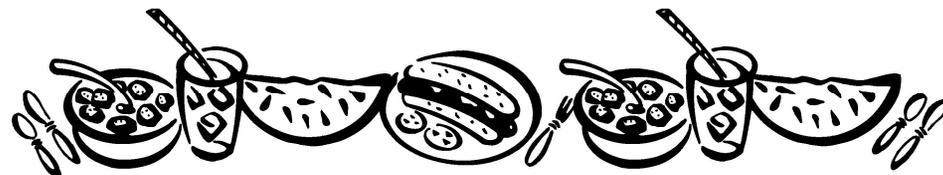
We are going to enjoy our new courtyard – eat inside or out! How about we get some fun games for the crowd to enjoy?

Would you like to give a hand with the picnic? Give the church office a call at 823-2484. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Barbeque Chicken will be on the menu prepared by Roger Collins, 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**, bring a beverage (water, soda, fruit juice or ?)
- ★ **M-T**, bring a salad; (green salad, fruit salad, macaroni, or potato salad... you name it!)
- ★ **U-Z**, hors d'oeuvres and snacks to share while the band performs prior to lunch.

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



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!**  
**SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers**

Our World Champion San Francisco Giants are a hot item and we have 49 tickets for, Saturday, July 6 against the LA Dodgers.

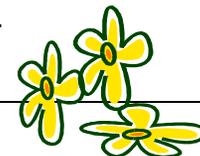
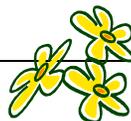
We are in section 131 – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of the bus – you save the driving hassle, the bridge tolls and parking nightmare, and have a great trip to see Giant Baseball with your friends. Mark your calendar now and for sign up in the church office or call 823-2484 to get on the list. You may also email: [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org). Ticket price for the game and bus: \$75. Checks can be made out to the Community Church. Seat assignments will be handed out on a first paid, first choice basis.



# Women's Fellowship

**June 20** The Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office. The general meeting will convene at 10:30 AM in the Chapel followed by the Women's Fellowship Luncheon in Fellowship Hall at noon.

**June 27** All Circles will meet at on June 27 as plans are underway for the Women's Fellowship summer picnic to be held in our new church courtyard. Please confirm with your Circle Leader to verify your contribution to the food table.



Thank You!

The Women's Fellowship Spring Boutique on Sunday May 5th was a huge success! We are ever so grateful, first of all, to Glenda Elvy, for being the chairman of the event...she steered us all in the right direction. And of course we thank everyone who made such worthwhile contributions; especially all the flowers which were so special. Everything else was too...way too many names to list individually. But we wish it to be known that everyone's work, enthusiasm and contributions are greatly appreciated. More than \$1200 was raised. It is through all these efforts that we can continue our special interest and work for the welfare of our wonderful community in which we are lucky and proud to live in! Many thanks to each and every one!

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Join Women's Fellowship with Christmas in July and help collect gifts for our local convalescent hospitals. Ideas for gifts are lap robes, sweaters, shawls, slippers, socks, perfume or after shave, nice soaps and lotions, body powder, greeting cards and stamps, candy, cookies or anything that would make the residents days a little brighter. Cash donations are also accepted and Women's Fellowship will shop for the gifts. Drop off your unwrapped gift in the collection box in the church lobby.

**NORTH BAY ORGANIZING PROJECT**  
Invites you to our Fundraiser Dance Party

## NOCHE SABROSA!



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 ♦ 5-10 PM**

Community Church of Sebastopol  
Memorial Hall

\$25 ticket includes delicious food & dancing

LIVE MUSIC BY **LOS RITMILOS** AND **DJ**

**SILENT AUCTION**

For information call: 707.321.3031

Email: [info@northbayop.org](mailto:info@northbayop.org)



## MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach usually meets on the third Monday of the month, except during the summer months. Although the group will not be meeting – Mission & Outreach projects still continue! On August 19 Mission & Outreach will meet at Ragle Ranch Park for a picnic potluck.

### ADULT MISSION TRIP FOR 2013

A work group of 13 will leave in the wee hours of the morning on June 16 for Henryville, Indiana to help with rebuilding from tornado damage. The group will be commissioned during worship on June 9. Please hold them in your prayers for a safe and productive trip: Scott Carlson, Joyce Cox, Chris Dawson, Brenna Hinckley, Jane Huneke, Bobbie Johanson, Nancy Lee, Gene Nelson, Kathy Matthies, Judy Peterson, Linda Roa, Karin Seder and Nancy Shimetz.



### SACK LUNCHES: MORE THANK YOU'S!



The Community Church has been participating in the Sebastopol Homeless Sack Lunch Program since April 2012. Thank you to all our dedicated lunch volunteers, especially Mary Coleman and Pat Furber, Steve Beck, Dee Coester, Bernie Hovden, Chris Jenkins, Rowena Kennedy, Rachel Knuth, Jamie Malone, Kathy Matthies, Debbie McCallum, Debbie McLeod, Ellen Stillman, Kay & Jerry Warren and Norma Watson. Thanks also to our substitute volunteers: Barbara Deedler, Carleen Madsen, Jeane Polley and Babetta Wilson.

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 at 829-2230. If you are not available to help with preparations, your cash donations are also greatly appreciated.



## MISSION & OUTREACH

### THE HUMAN RACE – RESULTS!

Mission & Outreach participated in the Human Race on May 11 and thanks to your generous support raised more than \$1,000 for Restorative Justice Resources. The group had so much fun they already have plans to participate in next year's event!

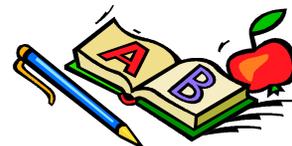
### SATURDAY TABLE

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

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

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

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL FAMILIES



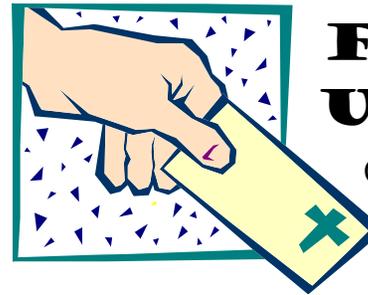
Mission & Outreach is asking for your help in collecting school supplies to help our local Habitat families. Spiral bound lined paper, binders, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, folders and pocket calculators are all in need and can be dropped off in the collection box in the church entry. Mission & Outreach want to make sure the children are well supplied before school starts this August – and with your help, that can happen!

# June Birthdays

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Donna Tappan             | 11 Sharon Elder      |
| Carole Hudlow              | 12 Dino Rocha        |
| Peter Kautz                | 13 Cassius Nelson    |
| Brian Plaughner            | Antonio Trevino      |
| Lincoln Warner             | 14 Vince Daluiso     |
| 2 Keith Blackstone         | 15 Bob Holland       |
| Chris Hudlow               | Jamie Malone         |
| 3 Mitchell Buckley Cutting | 16 Elise Lovejoy     |
| 4 Lorna Skinner            | Sophia Van Leeuwen   |
| Amy Cunningham             | 17 Pam Fleckser      |
| 5 Brandon Matthies         | 18 Jeff Unternaehrer |
| Chris Matthies             | 19 Sandy Valinoti    |
| Laird Fryer, Jr.           | 21 Olive Wilson      |
| 6 Brian Purcell            | Alicia Sanchez       |
| Caleb Petersen             | Olivia Acevedo       |
| 8 Lucas Felciano           | 22 Gary Bachelor     |
| 9 Kacey Babcock            | Beth Larssen         |
| Sarah Sundance             | 24 Bernie Hovden     |
| Ethan DeMonte              | 25 Ben Dougherty     |
| 10 Mark Stevens            | 26 Joe Plaughner     |
| Jake Bragonier             | 29 Dorothea Rowden   |
| 11 Marianne Petersilge     | Marie Cotton         |
|                            | 30 Laird Fryer       |



## Happy Birthday!



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Church finances took a step back during the month of April. After a strong March, pledge receipts dropped in April. We finished the month \$11,000 behind our pledge income projections for the first four months of the year. Fortunately plate income remained ahead of projections and Memorial Hall income was strong. But overall we finished the month with a \$3500 operating deficit, leaving us with a year to date operating deficit of \$10,615. It remains an income issue for us because year to date operating expenses were only \$560 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

**SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2013**

**Discussion 9-11 AM Pot Luck Luncheon 11-1 PM**  
at the home of Virginia Hughes  
157 Dutton Avenue in Sebastopol ph 823-1881

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

June is our special Pot Luck Luncheon (our final meeting until October) and we are asking you to bring a dish to share – a favorite family dish that reminds you of a family story you can share with the group!

Are you new to the Community Church? Would you like to know more about Between Women? Or perhaps you have a friend you would like to bring to Between Women? ALL women are welcome! For more information, please contact Marie Cotton at 823-3375 or Virginia Hughes at 823-1881.

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## GRADUATING IN 2013

Congratulations to our 2013 High School Graduates! Brianna Bright; daughter of Pamela Downie and Clifford Bright; Emma DelMonte, daughter of Andy and Kristen DelMonte and Venice DelMonte;



Grayson Dimick, daughter of Tim and Vivian Dimick; Talia Fraine, daughter of Steph Fraine; Joshua Hovden, son of Alicia Sanchez and Bernie Hovden – Josh will attend Columbia University in the fall; Rita Purcell, daughter of Jan Kahdeman and Brian Purcell. Bryn Ann English, granddaughter of Barbara Walton, will graduate from Palm Beach Central High School in Florida and then move to Manhattan in June where she is already signed with a major modeling agency.

Sean Bradley, son of Lorinda and Steve Bradley, graduated in May from Chico State with a Bachelor of Arts from the Department of Kinesiology with an option in Outdoor Education. Alexander Wilson, son of Edwin and Diana Wilson – and grandson of Barbara Wilson – graduates from San Francisco State with a degree in Math. He will enter the teacher credential program at SF State in the fall.

Congratulations to all our graduates! And if we missed your name, please let us know so we can add our congratulations next month!



## Women's Retreat Fundraiser

Women's Retreat Committee is planning a Yard Sale for July 13 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 [LisaDawson@sonic.net](mailto:LisaDawson@sonic.net) or (707) 953-9545.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
SUMMER INTEREST  
PROGRAM**

**COME GROW WITH GOD!**

Every Sunday this summer, we will have our children's summer interest centers, this year based on the theme: Come Grow with God! Please let me know which Sunday works best for you to volunteer or help supervise.



Following our theme: **Come Grow With God**, possible activities for volunteers to lead might include gardening, music, sustainability, bring a Friend, baking (bread?), painting, etc. Come grow with us! Growing together in our church, in our community, in our faith family

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be a leader and I have my own plan

\_\_\_\_\_ I will lead, but give me a project to lead!

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to help another leader

Please circle the date(s) you are available and return this form to the church office or leave in the collection plate on Sunday.

June 9      June 16      June 23      June 30

July 7      July 14      July 21      July 28

August 4      August 11      August 18      August 25

September 1      September 8

# Summer Music



During the summer months, the various church choirs and music groups take time off. Thus, there is no one scheduled to provide music during worship from June 16 until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September when we officially launch the

new church year.

This provides everyone in the congregation a chance to help shape worship for at least one summer Sunday. The music can be instrumental or choral, traditional or something new. It's a chance to show how a different style of music might support the worship experience.

Fill in the form below and drop it off in the collection plate or the church office, or see the sign up sheet in the church office. Or you may call Karin to add your name to the list at 823-2484.



Yes! I want to provide special music one Sunday during the summer!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the Sunday you would like to reserve:

June 16      ~~June 23~~      June 30

~~July 7~~      ~~July 14~~      July 21      July 28

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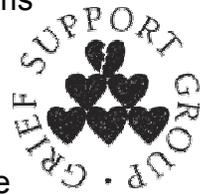


**UKULELE GROUP MEETS ON FRIDAYS  
NEW CLASS STARTS JUNE 5**

The UkeStars will continue to meet over the summer on Fridays in the Choir Room for in their jam sessions and weekly practice from 10-11:30 AM. A new uke class for adults will be starting up on Wednesday June 5th at 10:00 AM at Vicki's home here in Sebastopol. For information please call Vicki Reno at 827 3668 or email at [vreno@comcast.net](mailto:vreno@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.



**Deaths**

Church members Doug Reid, age 91 and his wife Marian, age 88, both died within a day of each other in April. Doug had been diagnosed with cancer in December and Marian collapsed and died the following day of an aneurism. No services are planned.

On May 1, Tim Manchester, the oldest son of Rosemary Manchester was killed while riding his bicycle home from work. He and his wife, Jill, lived in Tanzania and have two grown daughters. The family gathered in McFarland Cove, Maine for services. Please hold Rosemary, and his sister Martha Kautz and the entire Manchester family in your prayers.



★Thank you to Norm Stupfel for recreating our church name-badge holder – it is much more manageable for Sunday mornings! ★Thank you to Eva Norton and Rowena Kennedy for keeping up with the visitor's bags. ★Thank you to Bobbie

Johanson for popping into the office to help out now and again. ★Thank you to Kathy Matthies for the Pentecost banners and for all the other things you do! ★Thank you to Rosemary Manchester and Mary & Jerry Coleman for their help with the Copperfield's presentations at our church. ★Thank you to Marie Cotton for serving as our Wedding Hostess once again! ★Thank you to Bob Holland and Marc Felton for the on-going irrigation problem solving and for all the extra care our roses are receiving. ★Thank you to Barbara Whitson for keeping our courtyard garden in such wonderful shape and planting the beautiful flowers, courtesy of Barbara Wilson. ★Thank you to Peter Skaife for the donation of the lectern for the new chapel. ★Thank you to Glenda Elvy, Diana Iverson and the Friday morning prayer circle for helping to collate the Sunday bulletin.

*A Special Thank You...*

Elise Lovejoy sends a big thank you to everyone who helped with Rebuilding Together at her home on April 27. The crews worked in her yard, removed debris, made numerous repairs and best of all, she has a new ramp to make it easier to get in and out of her home. Thank you! *Elise*

**MEMORIAL RECEPTION HELP NEEDED**

We have a few names, but we would like to add more names to a committee that would help with memorial receptions – can we count on you? Our church traditionally hosts a simple reception following memorial services held in our sanctuary and we would like to be able to continue aiding the families in this way. Please contact the church office at 823-2484 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) or Diana Wilson at 829-9291 or [wilskates@comcast.net](mailto:wilskates@comcast.net) if you would like to help.

**MADD** Music Art Dance Discovery



Vacation Bible Camp

**Come Grow with  
God!**

June 17-21  
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 June 5 -\$115 per child  
After June 5, \$125 per child or \$25 per day.

Ask about our sibling discount & scholarship information.  
(No before or after care available.)

Registration forms available in the church office or  
[www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org).

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**MADD CAMP**  
**MUSIC ART DANCE & DISCOVERY**  
Vacation Bible Camp  
JUNE 17-21

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA CONFERENCE**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our congregation is joined with others in the make up of our regional church, the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ. Each year the conference has an annual meeting and last month Keith Blackstone and Brian Plaugher represented our congregation at that meeting. It was a mix of workshops, worship, sharing and business. Like many parts of our country and many parts of the church, the conference has had some financial challenges of late. This time, however, a balanced budget was passed. Assembled delegates also voted on resolutions in support of immigration reform, against fossil fuel investments, and a number of resolutions about justice and peace in Israel/Palestine.

The keynote presenter was Brian Sirchio, who spoke and sang about "Progressive Christian Worship Music". He was an engaging and enthusiastic presence, and we may try singing some of his songs in the future. If you'd like to know more about the meeting, see Brian or Keith and they would be happy to tell you more about this gathering of the Northern California Nevada Conference.

**UPDATE FROM THE LISTENING CAMPAIGN-**

Individual and group meetings have been conducted to listen to what the congregation has to say. The process started the end of February and is wrapping up the first of June. 75% of congregation has been contacted and we are making a strong effort to contact the remaining 25%. If you want to be heard and haven't been contacted please call or email the church office and someone will be in touch soon. The campaign will wrap up by June 9 and a final report of the top 20 important items raised or praised with the Sacred Conversations will be brought to church council in July. Thank you everyone for taking the time to be heard.

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

Deborah Tannen, Author and Professor of Linguistics  
Georgetown University

## Women's Retreat Registration Form July 19, 20, 21, 2013

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Funds are available for ANYONE (you don't have to be part of the church family) who wishes to attend. Fundraisers are held and donations made for this specific purpose so, please, do not stay home due to financial considerations. We want every woman to have the chance to experience a retreat. You may pay it back at some future time if you so desire, however, just know this is OUR GIFT TO YOU. Scholarship information is kept confidential. Contact Nancy Shimetz (see committee list).

### Registration:

\_\_\_ Enclosed is the registration fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the scholarship fund  
\_\_\_ Enclosed is a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (no less than \$50, please).

NOTE: The remaining balance to be paid no later than July 14th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Carpool:** I am interested in carpooling: Yes No

**Driving:** I will be driving my car and have room for \_\_\_ more people.

**Passenger:** I already have a ride with \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging:** \_\_\_ I need to be in the building, rather than a cabin.  
(for those whom walking outside at night may be a problem)

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:

Nancy Shimetz, 7469 Fir Crest Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472  
OR, drop in the collection plate, OR, leave at the church office.

## COMMUNICATING WITH THE DIVINE FRIDAY, JULY 19TH – SUNDAY, JULY 21 St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Duncans Mills

In her book, "Help, Thanks, Wow", author Anne Lamott describes prayer as "communication from one's heart to God." But how, exactly, do we communicate? Have you ever started to pray only to realize that you're thinking about paying the bills? Do you ever fumble for the right words to say to God, and then deem the effort hopeless? Does prayer feel like a joy or an obligation to add to your already busy calendar?

During our weekend together, we will investigate the many different ways we might communicate with the divine, sharing both the joys and the struggles of finding space in our lives to spend time with God.

**FACILITATOR:** *Rev. Bethany Nelson* is currently the Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Having worked in ministry for the last 15 years, she has led a variety of classes, retreats, and workshops for both youth and adults.

**WELCOME:** We welcome all women to this retreat—members and friends of our church family and their friends and families—and look forward to spending a wonderful weekend with you. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

**FEE:** Your fee for the weekend is **\$190, non-refundable after July 1**. The actual cost per person is \$280 per person. Scholarships are available – contact Nancy Shimetz.

**FACILITY:** We have exclusive use of the facility, located on the Russian River, within walking distance to Duncans Mills. There are cabins with two beds per room and enough cabins that you can choose to be alone or have a roommate. Bathrooms are separate from the cabins. There is one building with several rooms and a bathroom with showers. This will be for those of you for whom walking any distance at night to the bathroom may be a problem.

### Women's Retreat Committee

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## JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Jr. High Youth Mini Mission Trip  <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6 PM Wedding Rehearsal  <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbells	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>31</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars Practice	<b>1</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Foster/Billings Wedding
<b>2</b> Christian Education Sunday Youth Sunday  <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars Practice	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Between Women at the home of Virginia Hughes  <b>11:30 AM</b> Second Saturday Lunch
<b>9</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Interest Centers	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Rev. Nelson at the Rialto Cinemas: documentary <i>Live Free or Die</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars Practice	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Interest Centers  Adult Mission Trip to Indiana	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School  Adult Mission Trip to Indiana	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School  Adult Mission Trip to Indiana	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School  <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees Meeting  Adult Mission Trip to Indiana	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School  <b>10:00 AM</b> WF Board <b>10:30 AM</b> WF Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> WF Luncheon <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group  Adult Mission Trip to Indiana	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars Practice  <b>12:00 PM</b> MADD Camp Presentation  Adult Mission Trip to Indiana	<b>22</b>  Adult Mission Trip to Indiana
<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Interest Centers	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Fellowship Picnic in the Courtyard  <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars Practice	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Interest Centers	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>   Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Giants vs. Dodgers Baseball Bus Trip