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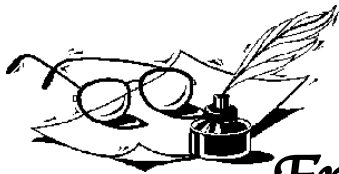
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November 2013



From the Pastor

It is November – harvest season, leaves turning and blowing in the street, days getting shorter and fall rains coming. At least we can hope – rain is certainly needed. It is also a time of thanksgiving, a time when we intentionally reflect on the great generosity of God in our lives, on a rich harvest of family and friends, meaningful work, homes to live in and food to eat and the many gifts of community.

This time of year I am always reminded of the story, which I have shared before, told about one of the great saints of the 20th century, scholar and rabbi, Abraham Heschel. Late in his life he suffered a serious heart attack from which he never completely recovered. A friend who visited him in the hospital found him weak and barely able to talk. But Heschel was able to say this: “Sam, when I regained consciousness, my first feeling was not despair and anger. I felt only gratitude to God for my life, for every moment I have lived. I have seen so many miracles.”

That, by God’s grace, is what I want to be able to say about my life. It is so easy to complain because rocks are hard and water is wet and I always seem to get stuck behind a slow driver when I am in a hurry. But when I step back and reflect on the broad sweep of my life, I truly have been the recipient of so many blessings – first and foremost the splendid gift and miracle of life itself. What else can I say but...”Thank You!”

And this is also the month, in the life of our church, when I am asked to make a response. I have received a surprising and largely undeserved bounty of God’s love, grace, forgiveness and understanding. This month invites me to decide how I want to use my spiritual and financial resources in order to make a generous response to God for all I have received. For each of us, may the shining harvest moon invite us into a time of profound gratitude and generosity for the shining grace in our lives.

Gene

READER'S CIRCLE
COMMUNITY CHURCH BOOK GROUP

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



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

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

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

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

I hope to resume our customary series-of-three-books in the New Year. Questions? Contact the church office, or Rosemary Manchester at r_manchester@comcast.net or 707 823-3477.

Rosemary Manchester

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE

Church Council will not meet in November and instead will meet on December 4 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.



Baked Goods for Sunday Coffee Hour

We need to stock up with goodies to share during our Coffee Hour! If you have cookies, cake or 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!

Sermons & Scripture

November 2013

November 3

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

REMEMBERING THE DEAD; REMEMBERING HOW TO LIVE

When a loved one dies, we remember – we remember special qualities that endured him or her to us. But is that all there is? Can we bring a bit of that special quality we remember into our lives and relationships?

II Timothy 4:6-8;

Revelation 21:1-6

Communion

Rev. Nelson

Lighting Candles of Remembrance

November 10

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

The prophet, Jeremiah, speaks of a day when we will no longer need to be told what to do. The right way, the right path, will be written by God on our hearts. When it comes to faithfulness and stewardship, with God in our hearts, we'll know what to do.

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Rev. Nelson

November 17

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

November 24

THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION SUNDAY

AND ONE CAME BACK

Ten lepers healed; only one returns to give Jesus thanks. Is this a story about the ungratefulness of the nine, or is it a reminder of the wideness of God's mercy?

Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Nelson

Pledge Cards Returned and Consecrated





GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3

Alternative Gifts

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Mission & Outreach will be passing out the Alternative Gift Catalogs in November. The catalogs will also be available in the entryway and in the church office.

The Alternative Gifts International is a collection of gifts to donate products or services to a specific cause. When you make a purchase from the Alternative Gifts catalog, you receive a gift card to present, explaining about the alternative gift you have purchased in their name. Through your Alternative Gifts purchase you can honor your gift recipient by giving someone in desperate need a flock of chickens, eye surgery, a month of care for an orphan or clean water in their name. Choose from a multitude of other wonderful and helpful gifts that will be truly appreciated. Pick up a catalog and let your imagination go!



This Christmas, give the gift of hope – a gift that can change a life! Shop from home and save gas - give from the Church World Service Best Gifts Catalogue.

Memorial Poinsettias

On December 15 we will grace the church chancel with beautiful Memorial Poinsettias in 6" foil wrapped pots. Please fill out the form below and bring it to the church office or leave in the collection plate with your check. The cost is \$10 per poinsettia plant with checks made payable to the Community Church.

Deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 10th.

Given in Memory of _____

- or -

Given in Honor of _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____
poinsettia plants. (\$10 each)

_____ I will take my plant home.

_____ Please deliver my plant to a shut-in.



Happy November Birthdays!



- 3 Wynneth Longfellow
- 4 Brian Kautz
- 5 Daniel Arendt
- 6 Mary Lou Lennox
- Julie Seth
- 7 Elise Peterson
- 10 Irene Bettendorff
- Dan Rasmus
- 11 Colin Lovejoy
- 12 Kristen DelMonte
- Pat Furber
- 13 Hallie Bottemiller
- Debbie McCallum
- Warren Brisbin
- 14 Connie Ayers

- 15 Dale Philips
- 15 Lisa Johnson
- 16 Ron Wessling
- 17 Ann Keller
- 20 Tyler Porter
- Rolf Van Leeuwen
- Melissa Ferland
- Nicole Ferland
- Audrey Margulis
- 22 Ellen Stillman
- Evan Buswell
- 23 Camila Castillo
- 25 Nelson Rasmuson
- Grace Grays
- Karna Roa
- 26 Norm Stupfel
- Hayley Holland
- 27 Pat Pendleton
- 28 Barbara Whitson
- 29 Jan Kahdeman
- Stuart Mitchell
- 30 Amy Furber Dobson

Between Women

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

Continental Breakfast 8:40 AM Discussion 9-11 AM

Between Women celebrates 14 years! Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, November 9, in Faith Chapel 8:40 – 11 AM.

Between Women meets the second Saturday of every month from 8:40 to 11:00 AM. We meet in the Chapel and Media Room for prayer, meditation and discussion.

Between Women is an inter-generational, faith-based group of women who gather to connect with other women. All women are welcomed to join us and experience a monthly "mini-retreat". Come and be a part of a network, •supporting •educating, •expanding •connecting, individually along with a larger community of wise, wonderful women in a safe and compassionate environment.

- **STORIES • SUPPORT • SERVICE • COMPASSION • CONNECTION •**
- **COMMUNITY • EDUCATION • MEDITATION • LAUGHTER •**
- **LOVE • FOOD • FUN •**

For more information, contact Marie Cotton at 393-7573

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 _____





Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our Preschool-Second grade classes will be using the **Godly Play** curriculum this church year. 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; ages 3-5 in Room 5, ages 6-7 in Room 6, ages 8-11 in Room 4. Each class will have teachers and helpers. Below is the November schedule:

Children Ages 3-5 (Room #5)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
November 3	Children in church for Communion	
November 10	The Prophets	Kathy Bell
November 17	Jonah the Backward Prophet	Kathy Bell
November 24	The Story of the Prophet Elijah	Kathy Bell

Children Ages 6-7 (Room #6)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
November 3	Children in church for Communion	
November 10	Jonah the Backward Prophet	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
November 17	The Story of the Prophet Elijah	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
November 24	The Story of the Prophet Isaiah	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum

Children Ages 8-11 (Room #4)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
November 3	Children in church for Communion	
November 10	Praise God	Mary McMillon
November 17	A World Filled with Love	Mary McMillon
November 24	Reign of Christ	Suzanne Gordon

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

It is our tradition that children be invited to partake in the Lord's Supper on Communion Sundays, often the first Sunday of the month. We welcome children to stay in worship on Communion Sundays, activity bags, books and stuffed animals are available for children to use during the service. Children up to age 5 are also welcome to participate in the Nursery on Communion Sundays.

Fall Yard Clean-Up November 2 at the Community Church

Join us on Saturday, November 2 from 9:30 am to Noon for a Fall Church Yard Clean-up. We will be pruning, clipping, weeding, transplanting and eating doughnuts! Bring your favorite work gloves, clippers, loppers, shovel, rake and maybe a wheelbarrow and come join the fun.

We need at least 3 trucks for dump runs (dump fees will be provided). Maybe you are not able to provide the 'man' power, or women power, but you could provide a truck for our crew to load for the dumps – please call to volunteer your truck!

Children who are ready to work are welcome. Bring the family and make a party of it! RSVP to the church office – 823-2484 or Barbara Whitson at 322-2012. Many hands make for light work! Please join us on November 2!



LES MISERABLES AT SRJC

Victor Hugo's powerful epic explodes onto the Burbank stage in this new production of one of the most famous musicals in history.



And playing Jean Valjean in the lead role, Chris Hohmann, Bobbie Johanson's foster son! Bobbie invites you to join her on opening night, November 22... or the matinee on November 24 or the final matinee on December 8.

Come see Chris perform and sing his heart out as the lead in this uplifting masterpiece and find out why Bobbie says "this role is the answer to our prayers!"

BURBANK AUDITORIUM

November 22, 23, 29, 30, December 5, 6, 7 at **8:00 PM**

November 23, 24, 30, December 1, 7, 8 at **2:00 PM**

General tickets are \$15 ♦ Seniors 62+ and Students \$12

SRJC Box Office: 527-4343 or buy online

<http://www.santarosa.edu/theatrearts/tickets.html>



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the third Monday of the month, and will meet next on Monday, November 18, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. We have lots coming up – our Shoebox Ministry and Sock & Underwear Tree posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

SATURDAY TABLE

Our second Saturday Table continues on the second Saturday of each month with members from Mission & Outreach serving lunch in Memorial Hall to our local homeless population. We still need socks and shower supplies, and a new request has been added – **disposable razors and shaving cream**. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249 or the church office at 823-2484.

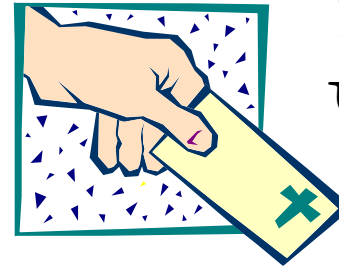
INTERNATIONAL CRAFT SALE A BIG SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone for your generous support at our International Crafts Sale – we sold \$2,447.80 worth of crafts, all of which will be returned to Ten Thousand Villages in an effort to further support these Third World artisans. It was great to have so much help this year and the idea to hold a 2-day sale (thanks Gene!) was brilliant!

UNDERSTANDING THE EVOLUTION OF GENOCIDES

75th Commemoration of Kristallnacht: The Night of the Shattered Glass
Sunday, November 10, 3:30-5:30 PM

Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Rd in Santa Rosa Mission & Outreach invites you to participate in this free event with guest speaker Dr. Sergio LaPorta, Fresno State University Eyewitness Survivor Memories and Life Lessons Music & Poetry. The weekend of November 9-10, 1938 in Germany and Austria marked the progression from repression and ostracism to outright violence and vandalism- the wholesale physical destruction of Judaism's religious, economic and cultural roots- while an acquiescing society watched. This event has come to be called Kristallnacht, the night of shattered glass, for the thousands of synagogue windows and storefronts that were destroyed. This event is free and open to the public.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

The month of September was a very positive month for our church operating fund. Operating income exceeded expenses by \$1800, leaving us with a positive operating balance of \$621...the first month in 2013 that our operating fund has finished in the black! Pledge income has picked up – thank you all very much! – but it is still \$12,000 below our nine month projections. Our plate income, however, has continued very strong, far exceeding our projections. Income from Memorial Hall is above projections, while use of facilities income has lagged a bit. And year to date expenses are \$10,000 below projections. All in all, a good nine month report, although we hope our pledge income can increase during the last few months of this year.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is open to all women and has been a big part of The Community Church since the church was first established in Sebastopol in 1890. The group has expanded to include numerous outreach projects, both within the church and our wider community. Find out more at the next meeting, November 21.

November 3 Fall Craft & Bake Sale after church! Lots of home baked goodies, doll clothes, plants, jams & jellies and so many more treasures!

November 21 The Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office and the general meeting will convene at 10:30 AM in the Fireside Room. A salad luncheon will follow at noon in Fellowship Hall hosted by Circle 1.

No Circle Meetings in November

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Craft & Bake
Sale
NOVEMBER 3



Fall
Crafts & Bake Sale

On November 3, following worship, the Women' Fellowship will offer a variety of crafts for sale in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall. Embroidered towels, doll clothes, scarves, handmade stationery, jams, jellies, baked goods and more will be available for you to purchase on November 3. Please be generous with your purchases as all proceeds will help Women's Fellowship continue their support of local outreach programs.



North Bay Organizing Project cordially invites the public to attend our 2013

Public Meeting on Sunday, November 3, 4-5:30 PM at the Sonoma Academy, 2500 Farmers Lane in Santa Rosa.

We build community power by uniting people of shared values to act together, and the Public Meeting is the public expression of this. The Public Meeting is the space that we intentionally create so that ordinary people can have a voice in our democracy – come and experience what that feels like.

For more information call Omar Gallardo at (707) 236-7501



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: _____

CONSECRATION AND
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24



Sunday, November 24th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, will be a day when we focus on giving thanks for all of God's many gifts and blessings. It will also be a day when, as a concrete act of thanksgiving to God, you are all invited to bring your completed 2014 pledge cards to church for a special time of consecration and blessing. It will be a day of special music and celebration, both during and following worship.

2014 pledge cards will be mailed out during the week of November 10th. Each of you is invited prayerfully to consider how you can best financially support the many ministries of our church for the coming year. Completed pledge cards can of course be mailed to the church, but hopefully you will be able to join us for our special time of worship and celebration on November 24th.

Adult Education Committee & Copperfield's Books presents:

The World Until Yesterday

with author Jared M. Diamond

November 8 at 7:30pm at the Community Church

The bestselling author of *Collapse* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Guns, Germs and Steel* surveys the history of human societies to answer the question: What can we learn from traditional societies that can make the world a better place for all of us?

Please join us for this free event on Friday, November 8 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary at the Community Church of Sebastopol.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS CONTINUES

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



MISSION & OUTREACH

The Mission & Outreach Board is once again sponsoring the Christmas Tree as well as the Shoebox Ministry – with a slight change: the shoeboxes will be filled for men only (women and children are covered by a great many other services while the need to help homeless men remains strong).

Shoeboxes will be available for you to pick up on December 1 following worship. The shoeboxes can be filled with necessities for a homeless man (see list below). The box should be wrapped in Christmas paper and placed under the Christmas tree in the narthex. On December 16th members of the Mission & Outreach Board will deliver the gifts to the Homeless Services Center in Santa Rosa.

Our Shoebox Ministry gifts can be an important part in the life of a homeless man. Please fill your shoebox generously using “regular” size products (not “sample” sizes). It is important to stick to the list and include all the items as these gifts are opened in a group setting

SHOEBOX MINISTRY FOR MEN

Toothpaste	Toothbrush	Pocket comb
Deodorant	Washcloth	Shampoo/conditioner
2 granola bars	Hand towel	Package of tissues
Disposable razors		Large bar of soap
1 Pair of warm socks		Pen and notepad
Shaving cream		Box of band aides

Our tree will be decorated with “Socks & Underwear Tree.” There is always a tremendous need for men’s, women’s and children’s socks and new packaged underwear in all sizes. Socks, packages of underwear, hats and gloves can be brought in to decorate the Christmas tree that will be placed in the narthex on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. All the items collected will be delivered to The Living Room on December 16 by members of the Mission & Outreach Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be calling you soon to ask you to volunteer for committees and boards at The Community Church. Please give prayerful consideration as to where you would like to serve in the year 2014.

- ✂ **Adult Education Committee**: Plans classes, workshops, Bible studies for adults
- ✂ **Board of Christian Education**: Responsible to guide and support Sunday Children’s Ministries. Also works on special events, such as the Advent Event.
- ✂ **Memorial & Endowment**: Manages funds given as endowments and memorials; plans educational events for the congregation and community.
- ✂ **Mission & Outreach**: Concerned with meeting human needs in the local community, the nation and the world; presents educational programs and projects.
- ✂ **Nominating Committee**: Responsible for obtaining persons to serve the church on boards and committees.
- ✂ **Personnel Committee**: Establishes and maintains personnel policies; meets with church staff; addresses personnel issues.
- ✂ **Board of Trustees**: Responsible for care and custody of the property and financial affairs of the church.
- ✂ **Youth Committee**: Support group for the youth groups and their advisors. Responsible for finding and training youth leaders
- ✂ **Ushering & Hospitality**: Help coordinate Sunday morning volunteers and act as church liaison during memorial services.

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Please consider me for the following Board or Committee:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please complete and return to the church office. Thank you.

Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU

- ❖ Thank you to Joanne Matson and Janet Minton for the office help. Greatly appreciated!
- ❖ Thank you to Bob Holland for working so hard on the roses and our irrigation system – it’s always something!
- ❖ Thank you to Joanne Feige, Gail Thomas, Keith Blackstone and Karin Seder for helping with the Memorial Reception for the Lathrop family in October.
- ❖ Thank you to Barbara Whitson for continued garden care and for organizing our Fall Clean-up day on November 2.



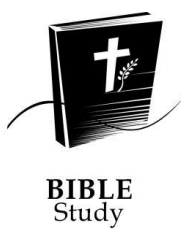
A Parish Care *Thank You* to our Cooks!

To the following people who given their time and effort in recent months to provide meals for our church families, a heartfelt “Thank You!” to:

Rowena Kennedy, Paula Pearce, Marie Cotton, Elyse Mengle, Sophie Sherman and Judy Stupfel.

The Parish Care Group

Women’s Bible Study



Women's Bible Study will meet in November on Wednesday, November 6 and November 13 at 10 AM in the Fireside Room, looking at the anointing of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50 and John 12:1-8. The group will not meet on November 6 and 13. For additional information contact Joanne Matson, 823-5249.

Honors

Marilyn Foster reports that a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in September to open a new roadway in Castle Valley, Utah, named Willoughby Way. The road honors her son, Richard Willoughby, who was instrumental in the planning and development of this new road that provides a more direct route to the community, especially important for emergency services. Richard Willoughby died October 27, 2010



Births

Beckett Ryan Olson was born on September 27 in San Louis Obispo to first-time parents Ryan and Christina Olson. Beckett weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and measured 21 ½” long. Everyone is home and doing well. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Sharon Olson.

Cedar Lloy Edwards was born to church members Rosie and Todd Edwards on October 11 in Santa Rosa. Cedar weighed 8 lbs 4 ½ oz and measured 20” long. Everyone is home, healthy and doing well.

Whitney Elizabeth Roa was born in Los Gatos on October 17 to first-time parents Christian and Kim Roa. Whitney weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and measured 20” long. Mom, Dad and baby Whitney are home and doing well! Proud grandparents are Hal and Linda Roa – their first grandchild!

Congratulations and blessings to all.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, September 29th, we welcomed two new members into The Community Church:

Carol Holder 8501 Mill Station Rd Sebastopol, CA 95472 827-6053 email: carol094904@att.net	Carol is retired and has 5 children and 1 stepson, 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.
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Lori Blackburn 7439 Willow St. Sebastopol, CA 95472 829-2354 email: diosa1008@comcast.net	Lori is a kindergarten teacher and has one grown son.
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Address Changes

Muriel Weaver 7444 E. Hurlbut Sebastopol, CA 95472 861-3645 Email: MurielWeaver@gmail.net	Beverly Withington 8930 Park Trail Dr. Elk Grove, CA 95624 (480) 262-6069
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13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013 join us in Memorial Hall as we help host the 13th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. With the help of Roger & Linda Collins, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner has grown more and more each year and we want to make 2013 the biggest and best yet! Here is how you can help: Call the church office at 823-2484 to sign up to work a 2 hour shift on either Wednesday, November 27 or Thursday, November 28. We need prep work, cooking, serving and cleanup – and there is no age limit – everyone can pitch in!

If you are not available to work on either of those days, another big help to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner is to donate food items or cash. Non-perishable food items can be brought to church on Sunday, November 17 & 24 (potatoes, onions, canned goods, etc.) Checks can be made out to the Community Church with a notation in the memo line: Thanksgiving Dinner.

Who is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner? Anyone who might find themselves eating alone, or may not have the energy or funds to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner is invited. In fact, everyone is invited to our Community Thanksgiving Dinner to share a meal with our neighbors.

Dinners are served from 1-5 PM. We can also arrange for meal delivery or transportation to and from the dinner. Call the church office at 823-2484 to make arrangements.



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

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

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

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I am able to help Sundays on:

Nov 10____ Nov 17____ Nov 24____
Dec 1____ Dec 8____ Dec 15____ Dec 22____ Dec 29____

Christmas Eve Services

6 PM Service: Usher____ Greet____ Acolyte (ages 8+)____
8:30 PM Service: Usher____ Greet____ Acolyte (ages 8+)____
11 PM Service Usher____ Greet____ Acolyte (ages 8+)____

On the Sundays indicated above, I could help:

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

Youth News

November

New Times!!

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

Jr. High

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

November 3: No Meeting today

November 10: Movie Night! 4-6 PM

November 17: Baking Cookies for Community Thanksgiving

November 24: I'm so Thankful for . . .



Sr. High

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

November 2 & 3: Fall Youth Event – right here at the Community Church!

November 10: Movie Night! 6-8 PM

November 17: Baking Cookies for Community Thanksgiving

November 24: I'm so Thankful for . . .



Blessing of the Wreaths

ALL CHURCH ADVENT EVENT & LUNCHEON!

DECEMBER 1

Join us for a spectacular Advent Event on December 1 right after church. Bring your Thanksgiving dessert to share in Memorial Hall for an all church luncheon extravaganza - with a little bit of help from you, we will have a feast!

There will be beautiful materials to make your own Advent Wreath, a Blessing of the Wreaths, and a special candle lighting song you can learn and share with your family throughout Advent. This year there will be a variation of wreath styles you can choose from (along with our church's traditional style) and the main materials you'll need to get started. Please bring clippers for cutting greenery.

If you're interested in being involved, please contact Rachel Knuth: 823-8124 or mothersuperior6@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY BLUES

DROP-IN GREIF SUPPORT GROUP

St. Joseph Health offers extra grief support for help getting through the holidays. The drop in groups are free of charge at the following locations:

Mondays from 6-7:30 PM November 11 thru December 16
439 College Ave., Santa Rosa 707-568-1094

Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM November 12 thru December 17
416 Payran St., Petaluma 707-778-6242

Thursdays from 1-2:30 PM November 14 thru December 19
205 East St., Healdsburg 707-431-1135

Individual, child and family grief support is also available

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	28	29	30 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Handbells	31 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	1 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	2 UCC Conference Fall Youth Event 9:30 AM Fall Church Clean-Up
3 UCC Conference Fall Youth Event Women's Fellowship Craft & Bake Sale 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry	4 2:00 PM Reader's Circle: Broken for You 7:00 PM Search Committee Meeting	5	6 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Handbells	7 4:30 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	8 10:00 AM UkeStars practice 7:30 PM Adult Ed & Copperfield's Books present: The World Until Yesterday with Jared M. Diamond	9 8:40 AM Between Women 11:30 AM Second Saturday Lunch
10 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	11	12 7:00 PM 125th Anniversary Planning Mtg	13 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Handbells	14 6:00 PM Music & Worship Planning 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	15 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	16
17 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	18 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	19	20 4:00 PM Building Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM Handbells	21 10:00 AM WF Board 10:30 AM WF Meeting 12:00 PM WF Luncheon 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	22 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	23
24 CONSECRATION & THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	25	26	27 Set up & Prep for Thanksgiving	28 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER	29	30