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From Our Pastor

Around this time of year, I think of the story of the young boy who asked his minister father, “Well, Dad, have you thought of anything new to say about Easter this year?” Time to take that child out of the will! But he had a point. After centuries of Easter sermons, is there anything left to say; any new insight to share; any new Easter story no one has heard? It is easy for the preacher to spend much of Holy Week desperately searching for that new angle, that new Easter point of view. But perhaps that is the wrong approach. Could it be that what matters most about Easter is not what I say about it, but what it says about me...about us?

I think of the earliest followers of Jesus. They really made no attempt to explain Easter. Again, it explained them! It was not what happened to a rock or in a tomb that held the focus of their attention. It was what happened in their own hearts and lives. Easter for them was not a form of knowledge. It was a fact of experience. They may not have known all the details of the empty tomb, but what they did know was that their lives had been forever changed and that, for them, nothing would ever be the same again. They took hold of today knowing they could trust God to take hold of tomorrow.

I think of John Updike’s poem, *Seven Stanzas at Easter*. One passage is particularly striking: “Let us not mock God with metaphor/ analogy, sidestepping transcendence.../let us walk through the door.” I suppose there will always be a part of me that wants to explain Easter. But as we draw ever nearer to Easter Sunday, my hope that we can accept the invitation to “walk through the door” into a new world where the ultimate reality is not the death of all things: the ultimate reality is God and love everlasting.

Gene

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



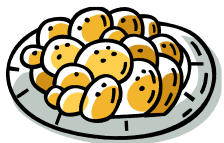
Join Grief Counselors Harry & Susanna Simms in the Fireside Room on Thursday evenings at 7PM as they facilitate a support group dealing with the pain of grief. Losing a loved one, whether it be a recent loss, or from years past, can be difficult to process. Please call Harry or Susanna at 829-7769 if 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.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS CONTINUES

Please join us Sundays at 9:30 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.

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!



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: _____

Sermons & Scripture

April 2014

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6 HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS: JUDAS – MISSING THE MESSAGE
What happens when our lofty expectations are not fulfilled, when we feel like it has all been a waste of time? It is so tempting to turn our back on all we believed in.

Matthew 26:1-5; 14-25; 47-56

Rev. Nelson

Palm Sunday

April 13

A PROTEST MARCH

Jesus on a beast of burden with a rag tag group of followers rides into Jerusalem to face powerful Roman legions and wealthy Temple elites. Talk about a mismatch!

Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Nelson

Music by the Children's Choir & the Chancel Choir

April 20 Easter Sunday

6:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE IN RAGLE PARK.

Members of our folk/acoustic group along with Rev. Brian Plaughter will lead this informal service as we gather to greet Easter Day.

9:00 AND 11:00 AM WORSHIP

OUT OF CONTROL

The trouble with Easter is that it refuses to be confined by any of our logical and rational categories. Rather than submitting to our control, it invites us to submit to something entirely new and wild and totally beyond explanation.

John 20:1-18

Rev. Nelson

9 AM Music by the Divine Connection

11 AM Music by the Chancel, Handbell & Instrumental Choirs

Beatles Sunday

April 27

TAKE A SAD SONG AND MAKE IT BETTER:

MUSIC IN THE KEY OF HOPE

John Lennon once said that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus. That led to hundreds of angry sermons. But could there be connections between the Fab Four and faith?

Psalms 100

Rev. Nelson



Join us for a
Family 50's & 60's Dine & Dance

A Community Dine & Dance for All Ages

Saturday, May 17th 5-10pm

(doors open at 4:30)

**Community Church of Sebastopol Memorial Hall
1000 Gravenstein Hwy North in Sebastopol**

**All You Can Eat at our Burger "Diner"
plus Dogs • Chili • Chicken • Fries • Slaw • Soda Fountain
Wine & Beer available for purchase***

**Dancing to the Oldies • Games • Dance Contest
Silent & Live Auction • Classic Cars**

**Pre Sale Tickets: \$25.00 Adults • \$12.00 Child (5-12 yrs.)
For tickets & information 823-2484 ext.100 or:**

office@uccseb.org

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***over 21, of course! All proceeds to benefit the kitchen update.**



**Tickets at the door will cost you more:
\$30 Adults • \$15 Child (5-12 yrs)**

Between Women

InterGenerational Gathering

Saturday, May 10, 2014

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM
Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, May 10, in Faith Chapel with a continental breakfast in the Media Room.

•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.

For more information, contact Marie Cotton at 393-7573.
Our theme will be Faith in Transition.

WOMEN'S SUMMER RETREAT

Want to spend some time away and get to know other women in the church? Our annual Women's Retreat will be held July 18-20 at Marconi Center in the hills above Tomales Bay. The weekend begins with Friday dinner and ends after lunch on Sunday. Our own Rachel Knuth will be the facilitator presenting **Faith in Transition**. How can our faith support us as we move through life's transitions? Come explore spiritual methods of healing and transformation to support you on your journey.



We are limited to 25 participants so it is important to sign up early. If you are interested in going, contact Marge Holland (823-6899 or hollandrobert@comcast.net) to be put on the list. A deposit will be required once the fee is set. More details soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Sunday School children are invited to dress in animal costumes for the church's "ark" in the Apple Blossom Parade. Some children may fit on the float, others may walk or bike behind the float with their parents. If you need a costume, please contact Rachel Knuth.

The Sunday School classes will be receiving caterpillars to observe. On Easter Sunday we will release them together after church.

BEATLES SUNDAY APRIL 27

Fifty years ago, change stepped off an airplane in New York. The Beatles had come to America and the world never quite looked the same again. And so, on Sunday, April 27th, our worship service will celebrate the music and message of the Beatles. The Divine Connection will lead us in familiar Beatles' songs and Rev. Nelson will preach on the theme: "Take a Sad Song and Make It Better: Music in the Key of Hope"

Following the service, box lunches will be available and Beth Larssen has reserved a block of tickets at Wells Fargo Center for the 3 PM Santa Rosa Symphony's celebration of the Beatles. The concert will feature a popular Beatles tribute band that performed on Broadway in *Beatlemania*. Are you ready for *Yesterday* performed with acoustic guitar and string quartet? Cost of the concert tickets is \$40 and Box Lunches are \$7. Tickets and lunches may be purchased separately, but your reservation for either or both must be made by April 17. Call the church office to place your request 823-2484 or email office@uccseb.org.



So "Come Together" on April 27th, for "a Magical Mystery Tour" as we "Get Back" "With a Little Help from Our Friends," and discover once again that "All You Need Is Love."



REBUILDING TOGETHER

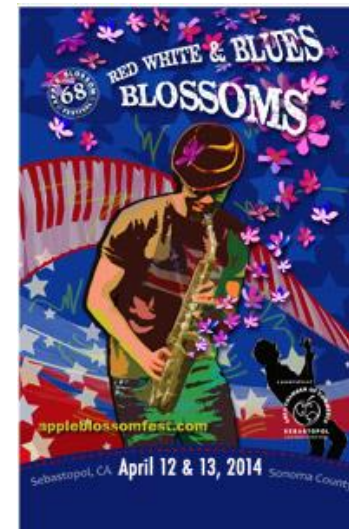
This year's Rebuilding Together day will be on Saturday, April 26th. The goal of Rebuilding Together is to repair or rehab the home of a low-income senior or disabled

person in a day. The last few years, our church has partnered with the Rotary Club of Sebastopol on this project. This year it looks like we will be working on a home on Cooper Road. There are volunteer forms in the office if you would like to participate in this worthy project. Lunches for volunteers are prepared at our church. Let the office or Rev. Nelson know if you could help in lunch preparation, 823-2484.

APPLE BLOSSOM FLOAT

This year, in honor of our church's 125th anniversary, the Community Church of Sebastopol will have an entry in the Apple Blossom Parade on April 12th. It will be an entry with several parts:

- people in costume carrying a large banner with our church name
- our New Orleans jazz instrumental group playing on the back of a decorated flat-bed truck
- an Ark, designed and built by Marie Cotton and her crew. It will be on a separate trailer.
- our church school children dressed as many different animals. If your child can be a part of our float, please contact Rachel Knuth.
- Adults dressed in bright T-shirts and with sandwich board signs naming various aspects of our ministry, i.e. food pantry, mission trips, adult and children's choirs, handbell choir, Rebuilding Together, Family Camp. etc.



Nancy Shimetz and Judy Peterson are currently recruiting adults to walk in the parade. Let them know if you can help.

It will be great fun! As we get closer we will need people to help decorate and add finishing touches to our float. Hope you can be a part of it!

UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

We receive new profiles every Friday and to date we have received a total of 8 applications for our open position. We have gleaned 4 for further consideration. We will follow up with reference checks and continued conversations with the applicants. The search goes on... Stay tuned!



April Birthdays



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| 1 Sebastian Jame | 17 Roger Wilson |
| Sara Margolis | 18 Burt Bishop |
| Robert Peterson | Tom Meyskens |
| 2 Kevin-Derrick Caldwell | Mark Clifton |
| 3 Matthew Kalemba | Bev Withington |
| 5 Jeff Boal | 19 Lorinda Bradley |
| Becky Wessling | 20 Florence Woods |
| 6 Irma Bachelor | Shannon Liniak |
| Ryan Nichols | Dave Benefiel |
| 8 Dave Madden | Megan Deedler |
| Jessica Steyn | Nolan Petersen |
| Nathan Junge | 21 Annie Petersilge |
| 10 Kelly McKoin | 25 Amrita Davidson |
| Karin Seder | Dave Madsen |
| 11 Tony Given | Dennis Olson |
| Colin Junge | 26 Kathy Matthies |
| 12 Caitlyn Carciere | 27 Christy Saxton |
| Kathie Noguchi | Deidra Warner |
| Robert Clifton | 28 Barbara Zimmer |
| 13 Loretta Tough | 29 Christine Ford |
| 14 Charlotte Mitchell | Sarah Kautz |
| 15 Susanna Simms | 30 Nancy Shimetz |
| 16 Paul Ahvenainen | Nancy Dougherty |
| Craig Nesler | April Krautner |
| Bradley Buchanan | Sabina Malone |

Women's Fellowship

April 3 Meeting & Tour & Brown Bag Lunch

Something different for our meeting this morning – we will meet at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 282 S High Street in Sebastopol at 10:30 AM for a special tour. If you would like to carpool from the church, meet at the church at 10:15 AM.

Following the tour, we will return to the church and meet in Fellowship Hall for our general meeting and brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

April 17 & Circles Meet

Circles will meet – times and locations to be announced. Contact your Circle Leader for more information.



MADD CAMP: MUSIC ART DANCE AND DISCOVERY CAMP!

JUNE 16-20

Come and join us for a week of learning about God's love through music, art, dance and discovery! Save the date: Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20. 9:00-12:30 every day! Dress up days, dancing, singing, crafts and fun science discoveries! MADD Camp provides a week of fun for ages 3-10. Five fun days at the Community Church for \$125.

Sibling discounts too! And on Friday, a fun MADD Camp presentation for the whole family to enjoy. Watch for registration coming soon for this fun summer event



Happy Birthday!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class continues meeting in April. The class will meet after church in the Youth Lounge on April 6 and April 27. The group will have an overnight retreat with Rachel and Gene at Camp Cazadero May 16 & 17.



WOMEN'S Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet in April on Wednesday, April 2, 9 and April 16 the Fireside Room at 10 AM. All women are invited to join the group and spend time exploring the Bible. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) are invited to choir practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room. The children will practice and sing during worship on Palm Sunday, April 13, and have choir practice on April 27. Questions? Contact Sara at 707-291-2741 or sara.margulis@gmail.com.



REV. NELSON TO ATTEND PREACHING CONFERENCE

From Monday, April 28th through Sunday, May 4th, Rev Nelson will be attending the Preaching Northwest conference in Seattle. He will also spend a little time in Portland visiting his daughter, Becky.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Terry Beck (829-0314), Meg Brown (889-1879), Mary Coleman (861-9444) and Bob Holland (823-6899) are the Members-at-Large to the Church Council for this year. If you have any issues you would like brought to the Council's attention, one of the Members-at-Large will be able to help you out.



Northern California Nevada Conference
United Church of Christ

Summer Camps 2014

At Camp Cazadero

You & Me Camp (ENTERING GRADES K-3) July 11-13

You & Me Camp is a great experience for first-time campers! 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

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 3-6) July 20-26

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 6-9) July 27- Aug 2

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 13-19

Counselor in Training (GRADE 12+) July 19-26

At Camp Tamarack

Junior/Jr.High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 5-8) July 20-26

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 27-Aug 2

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

Community Church of Sebastopol's FAMILY CAMP:

August 29-31, 2014

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

MADD Camp for ages 3-10 here at the Community Church will be June 16-20. Watch for more information soon!



Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As we move through Lent towards Holy Week and Easter, may our home practices with children be blessed with signs of spring and new life! The three pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Charity. This spring our church is

focusing on Prayer with children during Lent. Here are some things you can do at home to support your child's spiritual life during Lent:

- *Learn the Lord's Prayer together. Children are actually quite adept at memorization! But they do need daily practice--try saying the Lord's Prayer at a regular time, like bedtime or before a meal. All children who can recite the Lord's Prayer before Easter will receive a special treasure! (see Rachel Knuth)*
- *Plant bulbs or "force" bulbs in a vase to see new life emerging from a dead-looking bulb*
- *Pray with music or paint your prayers in watercolor*
- *Make homemade pretzels, and tell the story of the history of the pretzel*

Children Ages 3-5 (Room #5)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
April 6	Faces of Easter	Kathy Bell or Andie Polley
April 13	Faces of Easter	Kathy Bell or Andie Polley
April 20	Easter Sunday – children stay with families	
April 27	Knowing Jesus is a New Way	Dorothy McKoin

Children Ages 6-7 (Room #6)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
April 6	Faces of Easter	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
April 13	Faces of Easter	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
April 20	Easter Sunday – children stay with families	
April 27	Jesus and the Twelve	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum

Children Ages 8-11 (Room #4)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
April 6	Season of the Spirt	Suzanne Gordon
April 13	Season of the Spirt	Suzanne Gordon
April 20	Easter Sunday – children stay with families	
April 27	Season of the Spirt	Mary McMillon

125TH ANNIVERSARY QUASQUICENTENNIAL - 1889-2014

Each month of this 125th Anniversary year, the Quasquicentennial Committee will include some bit of interesting church history in the monthly newsletters. This month you will learn about the ark in front of the church.

Early in the year, 2004, Patrick Amiot approached Brian Purcell with a proposal that he create one of his unique sculptures for the church. Patrick admired what our church did in the community and wanted to do something for us. Patrick suggested a cross. Brian called me and he and Patrick and I had a meeting. We discussed the idea of a cross, but together wondered if there might be something else that would more lend itself to Patrick's unique talents. Thus it was that the idea of an ark was born. Patrick loved the idea, the church council loved the idea, and we were off and running. And interesting part of the project was Patrick's invitation to church members to contribute pots, pans, used appliances, etc., that could be used in the sculpture. Patrick had to charge us for some of his costs – an ark was a bit more complicated than a cross – but he donated most of his work.



Tom Dille put together a crew of willing men to pour a concrete pad and move the ark from Patrick's studio on Florence Avenue to the church. The day of the move dawned wet and windy – rather appropriate for an ark when you think about it. Our faithful crew grunted and groaned, but eventually moved it onto Tom's trailer. The covered ark then sailed slowly up Hwy 116 to the church, a task well worth a few pulled muscles.

The sculpture was moved into place and then on Launch Sunday, with the sun shining and with a very sick Patrick in attendance, Sebastopol's newest art treasure was unveiled. The ark has become the defining structure on our church campus: "Oh yes, you are the church with the cool ark in front."

Even construction of Pilgrim Center had to consider..."What about the Ark?" During construction, the ark was moved to Patrick's new studio south of town, a move again orchestrated by Tom, and was completely repainted and repaired by Patrick. Thanks to Guy Smith's equipment, the second coming of the ark was a lot less physically challenging. Interestingly, early in the construction of Pilgrim Center, the most asked question of Rev. Nelson was not, "what are you building?" but rather, "What did you do with the ark?"



April 13 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.

April 17 Maundy Thursday 6:15 PM

We will come together at 6:15 PM in Memorial Hall for a simple soup supper. At 7 PM we move across the courtyard to the Pilgrim Center Chapel and a service of communion as we recall Jesus' last night with his disciples in the Upper Room. We will conclude 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 18 Good Friday

On Good Friday you are invited to visit the Pilgrim Center Chapel between noon to 3 pm for a time of quiet meditation.

April 20 Easter Sunday

Again 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 Folk Acoustic group. Please park outside the park gates and walk to the Peace Garden.

9:00 AM – An Easter service with the Divine Connection providing musical leadership.

11:00 AM – A classic Easter celebration with music led by our Chancel, Instrumental and Handbell Choirs.

Join us for these wonderful celebrations of resurrection, new life and hope!

Committee for Adult Education

2014 Faith Journey & Soup Suppers Continue

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. Our Soup Suppers continue on Tuesday evenings through April 8. We will also have a soup supper in conjunction with the Maundy Thursday service.

We enjoy a variety of homemade soups for this event and if you would like to be on the soup schedule for a Tuesday (or Maundy Thursday), please sign up in the church office or call Dorothy McKoin at 829-5520.

We meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 for the soup supper and then move to Faith Chapel in the Pilgrim Center at 7PM 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.

The presentations scheduled for April include Heather Manchester on April 1 and Kay Warren on April 8.

OGHS April 6

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development, across the nation



and across the world. This year's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) will be received in The Community Church on Sunday, April 6. When there is an earthquake in Japan or a flood in Indiana, we are there, making a difference, through our generous gifts to OGHS.

DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER LILIES: APRIL 14

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 14.



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL
1000 GRAVENSTEIN HWY. NORTH (707) 823-2484

**Lunch served right after church –
to go meals available!**

A Fundraiser for the 2014 Youth Mission Trip. Join us right after church on April 13 and enjoy a wonderful pasta lunch, salad, dessert and beverage, served to your table by our Sr. High Youth. Or order your lunch to go!

Come enjoy a great pasta lunch complete with dessert and bid on the Silent Auction for some great items!

🎫 \$10 per person 🎫 Children age 8 or younger are FREE 🎫

Tickets available now from our Sr. High Youth or purchase at the door on the day of the event.



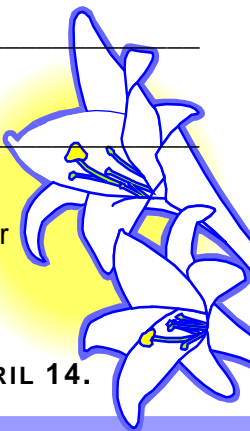
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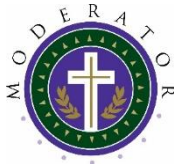
NAME TAGS If your name tag has come up missing, or you don't have a name tag, we'd like to get one for you! And if you already have your name tag, please make a habit of clipping it on to help all of us remember your name!

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





Moderator's Musings....

My friend Bill, a faithful Episcopalian, was finding that the weekly recitation of the Nicene Creed had become meaningless for him. He wasn't even sure what some of the arcane language meant, "very God of very God", "begotten not made".

Bill set about writing his own creed and found it helpful in sorting out his thoughts.

Credo 2013

From the start of our journey until our last breath, and beyond, we are the Lord's. God's infinite mercy surrounds us; we live in gratitude.

We believe that God revealed Himself to all mankind in the person of Jesus Christ, whose divinity we celebrate and whose teachings guide our lives. We seek to follow in his footsteps.

We are stewards of the earth. We are our brother's and sister's keeper.

We are grateful that Almighty God, creator of all that is, seen and unseen, gives us comfort and purpose through His Spirit.

In thanksgiving we strive to live lives of compassion, generosity and love.

And when our earthly sojourn has ended, our walk with God will continue. Eternity with God will be our destiny.

I challenge you as part of a Lenten discipline to write your own creed. If you are so moved, place a copy in the moderator's cubby hole in the office - signed or not. Perhaps we can use some as a bulletin cover or a responsive reading. - Jane Huneke

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Our San Francisco Giants are a hot item and we have 49 tickets for Saturday, July 12, against the Arizona Diamondbacks. 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 watch for sign up information soon. Ticket price for the game and bus: \$75.



April 5 Garden (Work) Party!

On Saturday, April 5, please join us at church for a garden (work) party! We plan to have a good time while we spruce up the courtyard and church grounds and you are invited to join us from 9:30 AM to Noon.

In preparation for our dry summer, we want to be as ready as we can to keep our grounds looking their best. Do you have a tree or shrubs you plan to remove? We can use the ground up chips here at church for mulch to help retain the moisture in the soil. Have the chips delivered to the church and our plants will thank you! If you don't have mulch, come give us a hand as we give our grounds a real spring cleaning! Questions? Contact Barbara Whitson at 707-322-2012.



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.

If you are in need of help or know someone 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.

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 ?

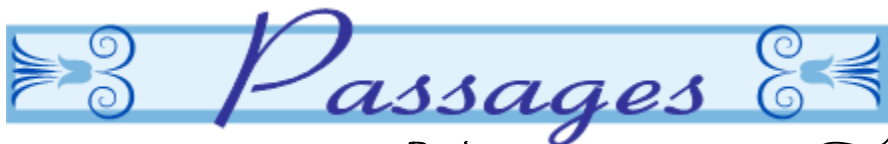
More Helping Hands – you can also add your name to a list of persons in our church family who are willing to offer services for hire: handyman, gardening, house cleaning, house painting, window washing, house sitting, etc. Contact Barbara Whitson to add your name to our Helping Hand: Services for Hire,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

Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU



♦ Thank you to Joanne Matson, Janet Minton and Norma Taddeucci for the extra help in the office – what a treat! ♦ Thank you to Eva Norton and Sophie Sherman for preparing our visitor bags ♦ Thank you to Bob Holland and Barbara Whitson for keeping our church campus looking so spiffy – and thanks for organizing the garden (work) party on

April 5! ♦ Thank you to Kathy Matthies for all her work on the St. Patty's Day Dinner! If you missed it, you missed a good time! ♦ Thank you to Lorna Loch and Laurie Mitchell for helping with the children's communion service – it was very sweet to see our youth helping with communion. ♦ Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for crafting and donating scarves for the children's prayer shawls - such a loving gesture. ♦ Thank you to Norma Watson for washing the shower towels each week and to Barbara Wilson for pitching in while Norma was away. ♦ Thank you to Lorna Loch for helping out in the Sunday School classrooms. ♦



Births

Jason Doane Johanson was born on March 14 to Jeff & Ashley Johanson in San Carlos. Jason weighed 7 lbs and measured 19" long and he was welcomed home by big sisters Ellie and Avery. Proud grandmother is Bobbie Johanson who was pleased he arrived a week early and she got to meet him before taking off on her big trip to Australia.

Rumor has it that Nancy and Dale Dougherty became grandparents, also on March 14. Details to follow!

Death

Richard Ice, father of Lorinda Bradley, died on March 15, following a brief hospital stay. Richard was an American Baptist Preacher and co-officiated in the baptism of his youngest grandson, Josh Bradley, here at the Community Church. Our prayers reach out to Lorinda and all the Bradley family.



MISSION & OUTREACH

ADULT MISSION TRIP: JUNE 15-22, 2014

WORK GROUP TO BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Our Adult Mission Trip (16+) will be heading to New Jersey to help with continued disaster recovery from Hurricane Sandy. There may still be room to join the group – contact Joyce Cox if you have any questions, 829-0750.

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, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.
- ❖ Men's walking/athletic shoes or boots
- ❖ Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs
- ❖ Disposable razors and shaving cream

Most 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.

BROWN BAG LUNCHES



Thank you to Kay Warren who so faithfully made bag lunches for the homeless on the 1st Friday of each month for the past two years. Since Kay is moving to Santa Rosa, we need a new volunteer who is able to make and deliver 5 bag lunches on the 1st Friday of the month. Please contact Chris Jenkins at 829-2230 or ijen507103@aol.com if you can help with this important outreach.

HUMAN RACE MAY 10

Help support the Children's Village with your participation in the Human Race on May 10. Run, walk or sponsor folks from Mission & Outreach – watch for sponsor sheets and Human Race registration forms in the church office soon.



Youth News

APRIL 2014

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

April 6

Spring Scavenger Hunt

Join us in the Youth Lounge to start the hunt! Jr. High Mini Mission Trip money is due today.



April 13

No Youth Group today – but please join us for the Pasta Lunch in Memorial Hall to support our Sr. High Youth.

April 20



Easter Sunday – No Youth Groups today

April 27

Regular Meeting – with Lizann as a guest speaker

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

April 5 & 6



Mission Trip Participants Overnight Retreat

Meet at the church at 4 pm for the trip down to San Mateo

April 13

Pasta Lunch & Auction – our biggest fundraiser of the year for our Mission Trip. See you here at 9:30 AM ready to work!



April 20



Easter Sunday – No Youth Groups today

April 27

Game Night! See you in the Youth Lounge - You know it will be too fun to miss!



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Call to Share God's Love:

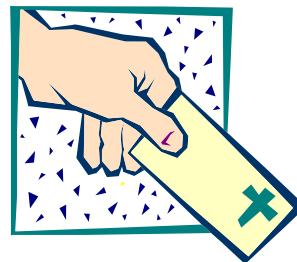
125 DAYS OF CARING

Our 125 Days of Caring is off to a great start! Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to try a new project! Here's an update of what you have been doing:

- Many people helped with backpacks and winter donations for those in need.
- 11 church folks are receiving visits.
- Catholic Worker and the Food Pantry have appreciated the extra helpers.
- Children are helping families and friends in many ways.
- Residents at Fircrest Convalescent Home will be enjoying music from church members.
- 6 members are busy working on the 125 day challenge.
- Our guests at the 2nd Saturday Lunch enjoy a delicious meal thanks to our volunteer chiefs.

And coming soon – more opportunities for you to Share God's Love:

- Garden (work) Party at church – April 5
- Rebuilding Together – April 26
- Earth Day Project – Garden Cleanup for Community & Family Service Agency on April 26
- Human Race – May 10
- Memorial Hall Fund Raiser – 50/60's Dine & Dance – May 17
- Volunteer projects at the Sonoma County Humane Society



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operating income was not as strong in February as it was in January. Our expenses were actually just under our budget projections, but both pledge and plate income declined, leaving us with a month end operating deficit of \$6742. Even with that month-end deficit, we are still in much better financial shape than we were at the end of February, '13, when we had a five figure deficit, but hopefully in March we can have a financial bounce back.

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 4th Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 11:45 AM Confirmation Class & Lunch	31	1 6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Faith Journey	2 8:30 AM Lenten Communion 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	3 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Lunch 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	4 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	5 9:30 AM Garden (work!) Party
6 5th Sunday of Lent One Great Hour of Sharing 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 11:45 AM Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	7	8 6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Faith Journey	9 8:30 AM Lenten Communion 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Handbells	10 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	11 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	12 Apple Blossom Parade 11:30 AM Second Saturday Lunch
13 Palm Sunday Pasta Lunch Youth Fundraiser 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 11:45 AM All Choir Rehearse in the Sanctuary	14	15	16 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM 50's & 60's Dine & Dance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM Handbells	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY Women's Fellowship Circles 6:15 PM Maundy Thursday Soup Supper 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 8:00 PM Chancel Choir	18 GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday Noon-3 PM Quiet Meditation in Faith Chapel 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Ragle Ranch Park 9:00 AM Easter Service 11:00 AM Easter Service	21 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	22	23 7:00 PM Church Council	24 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	25 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	26 Rebuilding Together
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Rev. Nelson will be attending a Preaching Conference Monday, April 28 through Sunday, May 4.