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January
2014



From the Pastor

It is January. A new year begins and in the church calendar, it is the season of Epiphany. Epiphany – the time when we celebrate the revealing of Christ as the Light to all the world. For us, this is symbolized in the journey of the Wise Men – gentiles, outsiders, seekers - who follow a light in order to find the Light.

Interestingly, one could argue that they made a mistake. They should have gone to Jerusalem in their quest. After all, it was the center of wealth and status and worldly power. If a new king was to be found, Jerusalem was the place. But they were about nine miles off. They ended up in Bethlehem – rural, dusty, unnoticed, unpretentious Bethlehem. Here they found the king they sought, far away from high towers, great arenas, big banks and urban achievements. As one author has said, the wise men “reorganized their wealth and learning, and reoriented themselves and their lives around a baby with no credentials.”

As we begin a new year together, we already know it will be a year of great change for our church. Our 125th year will be a year of transition as we bid Kristen a fond good-bye and prepare for a new staff member. And with Pilgrim Center now up and running, who knows what new opportunities for ministry and service will open before us? But as we journey together, I hope we can remember the unlikely path chosen by the wise men. Turning away from the expected path of power and wealth, security and prosperity, they instead went the way of vulnerability, neighborliness and generosity. They choose a more modest and risky future where spears are turned into pruning hooks and swords into plowshares.

When I look forward to the coming year, of course I hope for church growth, expanded use of our facilities, more and more children in our Sunday School and healthy funding of our many ministries. I want to let individuals and families know that this just might be the church for them. But I also hope that we remain open to taking a different path – that less-traveled path of service, caring, openness, generosity and extravagant welcome. Will we be successful, at least as the world measure success? Maybe...maybe not. But we will be faithful. And that just may be enough.

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

January 2014



January 5

Epiphany Sunday

MIND THE LIGHT

Epiphany, Light of the World, Light Shining in the Darkness: The promises sound wonderful, but it still can be such a challenge really to see the Light.

John 1:1-9; 14;

**Communion
Handbell Ensemble**

Rev. Nelson

January 12

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

ONLY THE BEGINNING

It is tempting to think of baptism as an ending – “Now that’s done!” But the fact of the matter is that this particular water leaves an indelible mark.

Matthew 3:13-17

Chancel Choir

Rev. Nelson

January 19

THE ADVENT OF THE ORDINARY

When Nathanael is told that the Messiah can be found in Nazareth, he asks, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” What do we do with such an “ordinary” Lord?

John 1:43-51

The Divine Connection

Rev. Nelson

January 26

FISHING WITH JESUS

These days more and more fishermen use “barbless” hooks and follow the philosophy of “catch and release.” But Jesus never seems to have understood the “release” part.

Matthew 4:12-23

**Annual Meeting
Chancel Choir & New Orleans Jazz**

Rev. Nelson





Community Church of Sebastopol 125th Anniversary 1889-2014

In 2014 the Community Church of Sebastopol will be
125 years old!!!

It will be a year of celebrating and sharing of historical memories. Below is a calendar of events planned so far with the 125th Anniversary Committee. Your help with these events and other anniversary activities are needed and welcomed with great enthusiasm. Mark the box on the event(s) you would be interested in helping with, fill out the other info, and mail back to the church.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/> 125 Days of Caring (Feb 9 to June 15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Dance & Dinner (Sept. 13)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lenten Pancake Breakfast (March 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Festival (November 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner (March 17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker Events and Receptions
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Blossom Parade – Church Anniversary Float (April 12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Concerts
<input type="checkbox"/> 50's / 60's Family Dinner & Dance (May 17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Church History Book
<input type="checkbox"/> All Church Picnic (June 29)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pictorial Phone Directory
<input type="checkbox"/> Old Fashioned Revival Meeting (Date TBD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Vignettes

I am excited about celebrating the church's 125th Anniversary and I have checked the events I would like to help with to make it a very memorable event.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

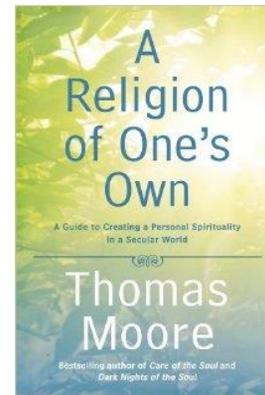
Email Address: _____

Please send completed form to The Community Church, P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473 or drop off in the church office. Thank you!

PRESENTED BY OUR ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE & COPPERFIELD'S BOOKS

Thomas More: A Religion on One's Own

JANUARY 14 AT 7 PM



An evening with bestselling author Thomas Moore and his newest book *A Religion of One's Own; a Guide to Creating a Personal Spirituality in a Secular World*. At a time when so many feel disillusioned with organized religion yet long for a way to move beyond an exclusively materialistic lifestyle, *A Religion of One's Own* points the way to creating an amplified inner life and a world of greater purpose, meaning and reflection.

Please join us for this free event. Copies of *A Religion of One's Own* will be available for purchase at the event.



ALERT ALERT ALERT ALERT

Parish Care Needs Your Help

Parish Care is looking for people who would like to make monthly visits to members of our church who are no longer able to attend and would like to stay connected with the congregation and church life. Please contact Norma Watson 707-827-3372 or Evelyn Bishop at 707-823-6684 to sign up or if you have any questions. If you prefer you can email me at johngarthandnormawatson@yahoo.com or Evelyn at embishop@sonic.net. You may also fill out the information slip below and either mail or bring to the church office. Your help is truly appreciated!

I can help with once a month home visits!

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail your completed form to P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473 or drop off at the church office.

Between Women

REGMGGU MOWGU

Intergenerational Gathering

Saturday, February 8, 2014

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM

Between Women celebrates 14 years!

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, February 8, in Faith Chapel as we kick off the New Year!

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?

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 _____

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
- ✂ **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.



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

Children's Ministry

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 January schedule:

Children Ages 3-5 (Room #5)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
January 5	Epiphany	Deidra Warner
January 12	Baptism	Deidra Warner
January 19	TBA	
January 26	TBA	

Children Ages 6-7 (Room #6)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
January 5	Epiphany	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
January 12	Baptism	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
January 19	Parable of Parables	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
January 26	The Greatest Parable	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum

Children Ages 8-11 (Room #4)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
January 5	Matthew 2:1-12	Suzanne Gordon or Mary McMillon
January 12	Matthew 3:13-17	Suzanne Gordon or Mary McMillon
January 19	Isaiah 49:1-7	Suzanne Gordon or Mary McMillon
January 26	Matthew 4:12-23	Suzanne Gordon or Mary McMillon

Pledge Update

This year as of 12/24/13

Total Households Pledging 108
Operating Fund Pledges \$252,248

Last year as of 12/24/12

Total Households Pledging 106
Operating Fund Pledges \$231,098

Pledge cards are available available on the table in the in the Narthex. Please give prayerful thought to your financial support of the church.



ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 26th, immediately following worship, we will hold our 124th Annual Meeting in Memorial Hall. In addition to receiving our annual committee reports we will also adopt a new budget and elect officers for 2014 and share a meal together. This will also mark the kick-off of our 125th anniversary celebration!

All committee chairs need to turn in their annual report to the church office by January 16, 2014. Please call the church office – 823-2484 – if you have any questions or would like to see copies of previous reports to help you get started.

WOMEN'S WINTER RETREAT

ALL WOMEN of the church, their family and friends are invited to the Winter Women's Retreat which begins Friday evening, January 17, 2014 and ends Sunday morning around 11 AM. It will be at Angela Center, 535 Angela Drive, Santa Rosa and Rev. Charlotte Asher will be our facilitator. See the sign up sheet in this bulletin or sign up on <http://www.uccseb.org/ForWomen.php>.



SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 17-JANUARY 19, 2014

Contact one of the Women's Retreat committee members if you have questions: Nancy Shimetz, Gail Thomas, Emily Davis, Joyce Cox or Rosemary Manchester.

January Birthdays!

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|----|---------------------|---|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Barbara Walton | | 19 | Ernie Erler |
| 3 | Louise Hallberg |  | | Frank Mayhew |
| | Gary Gordon | | | Jeremy Felton |
| 4 | Tom Dilley | | | Eileen Ahvenainen |
| | Sheila Hamm | | 20 | Ellie Wilson |
| | Brenna Hinckley |  | | Karl Kachigan |
| | Jansen Look | | | Dylan Arendt |
| 5 | Pat Dilley | | 21 | Steve Bradley |
| | Marian McDonald | | | Riley Yaylian |
| 6 | Marge Holland | | 22 | Cecil Crowe |
| | Diana Wilson |  | 23 | Glenda Dougherty |
| | Margaret Ahvenainen | | | Jane Rasmus |
| | Allison Kalemba | | | Joanne Matson |
| 7 | Garrett Lamm | | 24 | Chris Wagner |
| 8 | Hollace Archer | | | Jan MacDonald |
| | Sharon Olson | | | Amy Van Leeuwen |
| | Susan Nestor | | 25 | Bill McMillon |
| 9 | Suzie Ross |  | 26 | Glenda Elvy |
| | Ted Babcock | | | Paula Berndt |
| 11 | Madeline Felton | | 28 | Robert Feige |
| | Josh Margulis | | | Garth Watson |
| 12 | Virginia Hughes | | 29 | Martha Rowlands |
| | Gail Thomas | | | Bruce Petersilge |
| | Jim McLeod | | | Joe Petersen |
| 14 | Vicki Reno | | | Emily Davis |
| 15 | Julie Smith |  | | Frank Jilka |
| | Edythe Briggs | | 30 | Gene Nelson |
| | Leddi Piccinotti | | | Jordan Cassells |
| 16 | Laurie Felciano | | | Alan Murakami |
| | Louise Wakefield | | | Benjamin Margulis |
| | Aidan Bragonier | | 31 | Harry Sullivan |
| 17 | Rhonda Matheny | | | |

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.

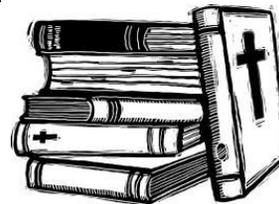
Find out more at the next meeting, January 16.

On January 16 the Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office. The General Meeting is at 10:30 AM for Devotionals and Business Meeting in the Fireside Room with the installation of new officers. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall at noon.



SCHOOLS OF HOPE  **Help a child learn to read!**

Volunteer today for Schools of Hope! Volunteer as a one-to-one Schools of Hope literacy tutor and make a difference in a child's life in as little as one hour a week. Learn more or register for an upcoming orientation on January 8 or on another day of your choice, at www.unitedwaywinecountry.org/sohsonoma. You may also contact Erica Dolcini at the Volunteer Center for more information about volunteering with Schools of Hope at 707.573.3399 x121 or edolcini@volunteernow.org.



WOMEN'S Bible Study

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet again on Wednesday, January 15 in 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.

Youth News January 2014

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 with Kristen and your friends!

January 5 No meeting.

January 12 New Year and a New YOU!

January 18-21 Roots: Plant Yourself, Spring Up, and Bloom!
Mid Winter Camp 2014. Register on line:
<http://ncncnews.org/mid-winter-2014-registration>

January 24 Warrior's Basketball Game

January 26 No Meeting



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 time with Kristen and your friends!

January 5 No meeting.

January 10 Warriors Basketball Game

January 12 New Year and a New YOU!

January 19 Pizza, Pasta and Games!

January 26 No Meeting



NEW LITURGICAL ARTS COMMITTEE

For our 125th Church Anniversary celebration in 2014 we want to create new banners to adorn the sanctuary, and have special decorations for the church and our commemorative events. If you have creative talents you would like to share or you would like to learn how to make banners and decorations, or just help with the projects, we have a new Liturgical Arts Committee created especially for our big celebration.

If you would like to find out more please email Kathy Matthies at kathleenmatthies@yahoo.com.

Kick off committee meeting will be a Sunday Brunch after church on January 5 to share our creative thoughts and plans. Even if you don't think you have a creative bone in your body, your help is needed – really!

Staffing Updates

Beginning January 1st, Kristen's schedule will be reduced to one day a week – primarily Sunday. She will continue her work with youth groups, but will no longer be involved with Sunday morning church school. She will be in Sunday worship 2-3 times a month. And so, beginning January 1, church member and seminary graduate, Rachel Knuth, will assume leadership of our Sunday morning children's program. She will handle planning, teacher training, special events and will also help Rev. Nelson with the confirmation class. She will also take a greater role in Sunday morning worship. Rachel will work 5 – 7 hours a week. Also, beginning January 1st, Karin's schedule will return to four days a week. She will now be in the office Monday through Thursday, and occasional Fridays when needed. Katherine, church bookkeeper, will be in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU

- ❖ Thank you to Joanne Matson and Janet Minton for the extra office help - greatly appreciated!
- ❖ Thank you to Nils Molin for helping Keith clear the gutters of leaves ... again!
- ❖ Thank you to Norma Taddeucci for collating the newsletter for mailing.
- ❖ Thank you to Dennis and Sharon Olson for preparing all the Christmas Eve beeswax candles. And to their grandchildren for preparing all the congregational candles for use on Christmas Eve.
- ❖ Thank you to Jeff Pierce and Ernie Eler for picking up and placing our poinsettias on display and thank you to all who delivered poinsettias to our church families.
- ❖ Thank you to Lizann, Darryl, and friends for presenting the wonderful family Christmas Concert to benefit the Sr. High Mission Trip – what a fun evening!
- ❖ Thank you to Kathy Matthies for all of our Advent and Christmas banners.
- ❖ Thank you to Gail Thomas for making the arrangements for all of our beautiful Christmas greens.
- ❖ Thank you to Kathy Bell for coordinating all our usher teams and acolytes for our three Christmas Eve services.
- ❖ Thank you to all our acolytes, ushers, greeters and musicians for making our Christmas Eve services so special.
- ❖ Thank you to Brian, Karna, Sara, Keith and Darryl and all those involved with our church music program for the beautiful Christmas Eve services.
- ❖ Thank you to the Committee for Mission & Outreach for spearheading our Christmas collections for the needy – you inspire us!
- ❖ Thank you to Sara, Kristen, Kathy and all the parents for your help with the Christmas Eve Pageant – the children were adorable!



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach will meet on Monday, January 20 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

The Sock & Underwear Tree collected 145 items that were delivered to those in need at Crossing Jordan, a shelter for women and children; 108 shoeboxes, filled with goodies for homeless men, were delivered to the Homeless Services Center in time for Christmas. Thank you for support providing for our neighbors in need. And the Alternative Gifts program collected more than \$2,030 to provide everything from clean water to a flock of chickens to families where your generosity will make such a difference in their lives.

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

These items to 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.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Watch for information coming soon about the 2014 Adult Mission Trip to New Jersey in June. We will be helping with ongoing recovery efforts for Hurricane Sandy. All adults are invited and encouraged to participate – no matter what your skill level. Watch for more information coming out soon.



Passages

Death

Hylda Kachigan, the mother of Karl Kachigan passed away in her sleep following an illness on December 10. She was 83 years old and lived in Palm Desert, California. She now joins her husband, Karl, who died five years ago. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karl and his family.

Pat Kennedy, wife of Rowena Kennedy and long-time member of the Community Church, died in his sleep on December 19. He was 83. A memorial service, officiated by Rev. Nelson was held at the church on December 28. Please keep Rowena and her family in your prayers.

Baptism

Charlotte Mitchell, daughter of Stuart and Laurie Mitchell, received the sacrament of Christian baptisms on December 15, officiated by Rev. Nelson. We rejoice with this family as Charlotte begins her walk in the Christian faith.

Wedding

In a small, quiet ceremony performed by Rev. Nelson, Richard Wood and Craig Nesler were married on December 14 in Faith Chapel. Congratulations and best wishes on this wonderful occasion!

Births

Congratulations to Laurie and Bret Felciano on the birth of Adam James (AJ) Felciano, born on November 27. AJ weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and measured 20 ½ inches long. He was welcomed home by big brother Lucas. Congratulations and blessings!



Moving

Sharon Elder will be moving to Davis, California to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter – though we will still get to see her from time to time! Sharon's new address:

3136 Woods Circle
Davis, CA 95616
Phone: 530-564-4581

Winners Named

Congratulations to the winners of the Woman's Retreat Scholarship Fund drawing! The print from the collection of Paula Pearce was won by Laura Steyn, the baby blanket created by Jane Huneke was won by Connie Ross Steinberg and the lucky winner for the quilt created by Marge Holland was Kathy Mayhew. Thank you to all who helped raise money for the retreat scholarship fund by purchasing tickets!

Important Planning Meetings

- The Pastoral Search Committee will meet at 7 PM on Monday, January 6, in the Fireside Room.
- Budget Committee will meet at 4 PM on Wednesday, January 8 in the Fireside Room.
- Board of Trustees will meet at 7 PM in the Media Room on Wednesday, January 15.
- Music & Worship Planning Committee will meet at 6 PM on Thursday, January 16 in the Fireside Room.
- The Church Council and Board of Trustees will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM in the Media Room on January 22.
- Congregational Meeting & Lunch in Memorial Hall after worship on Sunday, January 26.

More Fun Planned in the New Year!

In addition to our year of celebrations marking our 125th Anniversary, we also have these special events planned to mark on your new calendar:

Memorial Hall Fundraiser by Roger Collins **March 22**

Adult Mission Trip **June 15** (give or take a day)

Sr. High Mission Trip & National Youth Event **June 24 or 25**

Giants Baseball **July 12**

All-Church Picnic **June 29**

Family Camp at Camp Caz **August 29-31**

Dreams of Justice.....A Retreat for All Women

January 17—19, 2014 at the Angela Center in Santa Rosa

Dinner Friday thru Brunch Sunday Morning

Do you dream of justice? Do you fear justice? Are you justified? Come explore justice and injustice. Come celebrate, come learn, come share, come explore, come rest, come dream with your sisters.

ALL women (ages 18-110) of the church, their **FRIENDS, FAMILY,** and **ACQUAINTANCES** are welcome. **Scholarships** are available for **anyone** (you don't have to be part of the church family).

Charlotte (Gerboth) Asher is the facilitator...a child of our church, she remembers dreaming in a pew in the old church downtown. The Sebastopol UCC gave her a strong sense of justice, sometimes to the dismay of her parents! A UCC pastor for 31 years, the Church School Coordinator at Santa Rosa First Congregational Church, a teacher for 25 years—currently teaching students with special needs at juvenile hall. Charlotte recently legally married her love of 14 years, Maryellen Grayson.

You may come for the entire weekend or, you may come for Saturday only. The time at retreat is yours to do as you wish. Nothing is mandatory! To give you an idea of how time is spent, the Saturday schedule is as follows:

8:00 am <i>Breakfast</i>	2:30 <i>Break</i>
9:00 Session	3:30 <i>Free Time</i> —games, walk, read, meditate, nap...
10:30 <i>Break</i>	5:45 <i>Dinner</i>
10:45 Session	7:30 Session
Noon <i>Lunch</i>	9:00 <i>Hang-out time: chatting, games</i>
1:30 pm Session	

The weekend **FEE** of **\$190** per person includes 5 meals, the facilitator and facility. This is a subsidized amount as actual cost for the weekend is **\$240** per person.

Saturday only fees include a day-use fee, a portion of the facilitator fee, and meal(s): Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner = \$80 Breakfast & Lunch = \$60 Lunch & Dinner = \$70 Lunch = \$50.

Fees are non-refundable after January 5th.

Scholarship 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. Scholarship information is kept **confidential**. Contact Nancy Shimetz (nshimetz@gmail.com) Text or voice to 707.695.7845) Look for Retreat Registration in this newsletter!

Women's Retreat REGISTRATION

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I will be attending **Sat. only:** (please circle meal selection) 3 meals=\$80
Breakfast & Lunch=\$60 Lunch & Dinner=\$70 Lunch only=\$50

Enclosed is the registration fee of \$_____ for Saturday only

Enclosed is \$_____ for the entire weekend plus \$_____ for the scholarship fund

Enclosed is a deposit of \$_____ (no less than \$50, please). The balance to be paid **no later than January 5th.**

Name _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Any special needs: _____

Parking is limited – please contact carpool coordinator Joyce Cox: 829-0750 or B-J-Cox@att.net. I need a ride I can drive & take _____ passengers

I have a ride arranged with _____

Lodging: I **must** have a single room I **prefer** a single room

Preferred roommate _____

I have no problem sharing with _____

For those who wish to help, the Women's Retreat Committee is always happy to accept donations of any amount above the fee to add to the scholarship fund.

Questions? Please contact a member of the committee

Nancy Shimetz	nshimetz@gmail.com	695.7845
Gail Thomas	poothcornerfarm@comcast.net	758.0295
Emily Davis	emilydca@earthlink.com	823.5998
Lisa Dawson	lisadawson@sonic.net	829.0771
Joyce Cox	b-j-cox@att.net	829.0750
Rosemary Manchester	r_manchester@comcast.net	823-3477

**Return this form with your payment to: Nancy Shimetz,
7469 Fir Crest Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472
OR, drop in the collection plate, OR, leave in the church
office.**

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <u>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</u> <u>10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry</u>	30	31	1 	2 <u>7:00 PM Grief Group</u>	3 <u>10:00 AM UkeStars practice</u>	4
5 EPIPHANY & COMMUNION SUNDAY <u>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</u> <u>10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry</u> <u>11:45 AM 125th Anniversary Brunch Meeting</u>	6 <u>7:00 PM Search Committee Meeting</u>	7	8 <u>4:00 PM Budget Committee</u> <u>7:00 PM Handbells</u>	9 <u>7:00 PM Grief Group</u> <u>7:15 PM Chancel Choir</u>	10 <u>Sr. High Youth to Warriors Basketball Game</u> <u>10:00 AM UkeStars practice</u>	11 <u>11:30 AM Second Saturday Lunch</u> <u>4:00 PM Sanctuary Wedding</u> <u>5:00 PM Wedding Reception-Memorial Hall</u>
12 <u>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</u> <u>9:30 AM Children's Choir</u> <u>10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry</u> <u>4:00 PM Jr. High Youth</u> <u>6:00 PM Sr. High Youth</u>	13	14 <u>7:00 PM Thomas More: A Religion of One's Own</u>	15 <u>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</u> <u>7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting</u> <u>7:00 PM Handbells</u>	16 <u>10:00 AM WF Board</u> <u>10:30 AM WF Meeting</u> <u>12:00 PM WF Luncheon</u> <u>6:00 PM Music & Worship Planning</u> <u>7:00 PM Grief Group</u> <u>7:15 PM Chancel Choir</u>	17 <u>Women's Retreat</u> <u>10:00 AM UkeStars practice</u>	18 <u>Jr. High Mid-Winter Camp</u> <u>Women's Retreat</u>
19 <u>Jr. High Mid-Winter Camp</u> <u>Women's Retreat</u> <u>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</u> <u>9:30 AM Children's Choir</u> <u>10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry</u> <u>4:00 PM Jr. High Youth</u> <u>6:00 PM Sr. High Youth</u>	20 <u>Jr. High Mid-Winter Camp</u> <u>7:00 PM Mission & Outreach</u>	21	22 <u>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</u> <u>7:00 PM Church Council & Trustees Joint Meeting</u> <u>7:00 PM Handbells</u>	23 <u>1:00 PM WF Circles</u> <u>7:00 PM Grief Group</u> <u>7:15 PM Chancel Choir</u>	24 <u>Jr. High Youth to Warriors Basketball Game</u> <u>10:00 AM UkeStars practice</u>	25
26 ANNUAL MEETING <u>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</u> <u>9:30 AM Children's Choir</u> <u>10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry</u>	27	28	29 <u>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</u> <u>7:00 PM Handbells</u>	30 <u>7:00 PM Grief Group</u> <u>7:15 PM Chancel Choir</u>	31 <u>10:00 AM UkeStars practice</u>	1