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### From the Pastor

The Presbytery of San Francisco, United Presbyterian Church, is out of the camping business. They have sold Valley of the Moon Camp in Glen Ellen and Westminster Retreat in Alamo. It is sad, but not uncommon. Church camping, church youth groups, and Christian Education programs for children and adults are struggling to survive in many churches, especially in a place like Northern California. But not in The Community Church of Sebastopol! We have challenges to be sure, but we are moving forward.

Think about it...we have hired Lydia to work with our youth groups and plan to call her as our Associate Minister in the spring. I wish I had her energy! We have hired Rachel to work with our children and the number of children coming forward for the Children's Message each Sunday is powerful testimony to how that is working out. And me? I just keep plugging along trying to keep up with the two of them.

You can see where I am going here. Sometimes I say that we in The Community Church are keeping alive traditions that in many churches have been dead for years. But that is a good thing. We have staffed and planned for the future...we have staffed and planned for growth. Indeed, with the construction of Pilgrim Center, providing program space for all ages, we dare to proclaim that our best days are before us. As your senior minister I am so proud of you and our church, proud that we have chosen to take bold giant steps when others seem reluctant to take even baby steps.

But, as you have heard me say before, now comes the challenging part. Will we decide to continue to fund these and other ministries? Soon you will be receiving a pledge card for 2015. I hope you don't see it as just another request, among many, for money. Rather I hope you see it as an invitation to think seriously about our children, our youth, our music program, our worship life, our community outreach and so much more...to think about, pray about it, and then decide, "YES!" this is something I want to see grow; this is something I want to support. Gene

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## COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - QUASQUICENTENNIAL 1889 - 2014 by Margarette Murakami

At a time when our country was just recovering from the destruction of WWII, our family of three returned to Sebastopol after three years of internship in Colorado. My four brothers were serving in the army overseas – two in Europe and two in the Pacific and were not here to help my parents and I start life over again in Sebastopol. The First Congregation Church on Main Street (now the Community Church of Sebastopol), was one of the first

church of Sebastopol), was one of the first churches to recognize the unjust treatment of Americans of Japanese descent.

My brother Peter was killed in during the war while serving and when his body was returned from France, my father wanted to hold a memorial service in Sebastopol before the military burial in San Bruno. Rev. Senter, the pastor of the First Congregational Church, graciously performed the service.

During these difficult years, this church continued to reach out to help the returning Japanese-Americans. One day during break at Analy High School, a new friend, Marilyn Leikam, invited me to attend her church, the First Congregational Church. Mrs. Steadman, the superintendent of Sunday School asked if I would help Mrs. Bollinger in her Sunday School class since I had attended and helped with Sunday School during my time in camp. It was 1946 and that is how I first became involved with what would later become the Community Church of Sebastopol.

During the time Rev. Keeble was minister, Mrs. Dorothy McKenzie (later to become Dorothy McHugh) encouraged me to attend the Pilgrim Fellowship youth program. Her son, Bruce McKenzie, was kind enough to make sure I had a ride to the Sunday evening meetings. During these meetings we learned the importance of attending Sunday church services and took responsibility for developing our own youth worship services — everything from picking the hymns, the scripture and delivering a youth sermon. We

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#### COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL - continued...

all found this very interesting and it had a tremendous influence our lives. Many years later, in part due to our youth program, two of our young people became ministers – Bruce and Rod McKenzie.

It wasn't until many years later that I learned of the group of young people from this church who stepped up to protect the Enmanji Buddhist Temple from vandalism. This courageous group of youth provided a 24-hour vigil at the Temple for more than a month. Some of those youth I came to know as members of this church – Jack Gerboth and Sara Garrison Gerboth, Bruce and Doug McKenzie, Lois Borba, Peggy and Bob Martz, Novella Harper Robert, Clayton Baughman, Dave Williams and Barbara Wright Bertoli.

In 1972 Jack and Sara decided that an Apple Pie sale could benefit the camp scholarship fund. The pies were made in our homes and sold at church and we were thrilled that we made over \$300! The pies became such a success and the project was expanded to make and bake the pies in Fellowship Hall, still all by hand. Then the convection ovens were added and Lloyd Lerum adapted a pizza maker to roll out the pie crust. All that allowed us to really go into production, a tradition that continues to this day.

By the time I retired and became involved with Women's Fellowship, Rev. Nelson was at the helm. Norma Taddeucci and I joined Women's Fellowship together, renewed old friendships and met new friends. Harriet Jacobson was such a big influence on Women's Fellowship – she saw to every detail including making sure we pre warmed the carafes to insure the coffee stayed hot! Women's Fellowship is proud of our contributions to the church and we continue to be the only committee to make a yearly pledge to support the church operating budget.

The Pilgrim Fellowship youth programs were very important to me as a student and the same is true for my oldest grandson. Michael spent 6 years in our youth programs and found the experiences to be very valuable. He is now serving as one of our Youth Leaders.

During the many years my family has had a relationship with the Community Church (now into the 4<sup>th</sup> generation) our family has been blessed by this very special, passionate and giving church.









## MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the third Monday of the month, and will meet next on Monday, November 17, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. We have lots coming up – our Shoebox Ministry and Sock & Underwear Tree and Alternative gifts, all posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

#### **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.

#### **Recycle Inkjet Cartridges for Habitat**

Leave your empty inkjet cartridges in the green cardboard box in the church office and Mission & Outreach will be able to turn them into cash to help fund our pledge to Habitat for Humanity. Please bring the cartridges in a sealed plastic baggie and Mission & Outreach will take care of the rest. What could be easier!

#### **International Craft Sale a BIG Success!**

Thank you to everyone for your generous support at our International Crafts Sale – we sold \$2,743.70, all of which will be returned to Ten Thousand Villages in an effort to further support these Third World artisans.



#### November 2

#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

POWERFUL MEMORIES

Memories can lead us into a kind of sentimental nostalgia. Or they can empower us with hope for the future. What will it be?

Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

Rev. Nelson

**Communion Sunday & Lighting Candles of Remembrance** 

#### November 9

#### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

KEEPING AWAKE

Opportunities for service and ministry are all around us. God issues the invitation. The choice is ours.

Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Nelson

Stewardship Cards to be mailed this week

#### November 16 REVIVAL SERVICE SUNDAY

As we conclude our 125th Anniversary Celebration, Sister Lizann Bassham leads us in an old fashioned, no-holds- barred, REVIVAL SERVICE!

#### November 23 THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION SUNDAY

PICKING GOOD FRUIT

Life can be so hard, so challenging. But let's not lose sight of the blessing and our need for thankfulness.

I Thessalonians 5:12-24

Rev. Nelson

**Pledge Cards Returned** 

Advent Theme: Breaking Open the Heavens – Breaking Open our Hearts

#### November 30 THE 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our youth director, Lydia Mulkey, will preach this Sunday. Communion Sunday and Advent Event following worship.



#### Blessing of the Wreaths **ALL CHURCH ADVENT EVENT & LUNCHEON!** NOVEMBER 30

Join us for a spectacular Advent Event on November 30 right after church. Bring your Thanksgiving dessert to share in Memorial Hall for an all church luncheon extravaganza - turkey soup & cornbread as well as a vegetarian offering, plus your desserts.

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. 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. And if you have greenery to contribute, we need that too!

If you're interested in being involved, please contact Rachel Knuth: 823-8124 or RachelKnuth@uccseb.org. We will also need four volunteers to help with lunch - two for preparations and two for clean-up.

MINISTER OF MINISTER	

Minister of Music, Brian Plaugher requests that you
take a few moments and jot down the titles of your
favorite hymns to help with future worship planning.
Please leave this in the collection plate or in the
church office.

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Favorite Hymns:		
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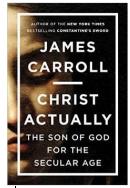
Adult Education Committee & Copperfield's Books presents

#### **Christ Actually:** The Son of God for the Secular Age with author James Carroll

#### November 20 at 7pm at the Community Church

A New York Times bestselling and widely admired Catholic writer explores how we can retrieve transcendent faith

in modern times.



Critically acclaimed and bestselling author James Carroll has explored every aspect of Christianity, faith, and Jesus Christ except this central one: What can we believe about-and how can we believe in—Jesus in the twenty-first century in light of the Holocaust and other atrocities of the twentieth century and the drift from religion that followed?

Drawing on both a wide range of scholarship as well as his own acute searching as a believer, Carroll takes a fresh look at the most familiar narratives of all-Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Far from another book about the "historical Jesus." he takes the challenges of science and contemporary philosophy seriously. He retrieves the power of Jesus' profound ordinariness, as an answer to his own last question-what is the future of Jesus Christ?—as the key to a renewal of faith.

Please join us for this free event on Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary at the Community Church of Sebastopol.

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Craft & Bake Sale NOVEMBER 2

On November 2, following worship, the

Crafts & Bake Sale

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 2. Please be generous with your purchases as all proceeds will help Women's Fellowship continue their support of local outreach programs.

#### 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 2

#### 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 that allows you to donate products or services for 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.



On December 14 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 $8^m$ .
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Deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 8th



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## CONSECRATION & THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2015



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.

2015 pledge cards will be mailed out during the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>th</sup>.

# 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 6.

**November 2** Fall Craft & Bake Sale after church! Lots of home baked goodies, doll clothes, plants, jams & jellies and so many more treasures!

**November 6** The Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office and the general meeting will convene at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall with a luncheon to follow at noon hosted by Diana, Pat, Norma and Helen.

**November 20** Circle Meetings in the Fireside Room – Circle 2 will meet at 10 AM and Circle 1 will meet at 1 PM.



#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We're trying something new on Communion Sundays for our children! They will begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families and then at the middle hymn, children ages 3 and up will be invited to join Rachel in Faith

Chapel for a Chapel Circle. The children will return to worship in the Sanctuary during the Doxology to partake in Communion with their families. Children under age 3 may go the Nursery in Room 4 with Diana Wilson.

#### Pre-school & Kindergarten (Room #5)

November 2 Communion Sunday Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chapel Circle in Faith
Chapel and return for Communion

November 9	The Prophets	Kathy Bell
November 16	Jonah	Kathy Bell
November 23	Elijah	Kathy Bell
November 30	Communion Sunday & Advent Event	Rachel Knuth
Children ages	3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chap	el Circle in Faith
	Chapel and return for Communion	

#### Children Grades 1 & 2 (Room #6)

November 2 Communion Sunday Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chapel Circle in Faith
Chapel and return for Communion

November 9	The Prophets & Isaiah	Jamie Malone
November 16	Elijah	Jamie Malone
November 23	Jonah	Jamie Malone
November 30	Communion Sunday & Advent Event	Rachel Knuth
Children ages	3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Char	oel Circle in Faith
	Chapel and return for Communion	

#### Children Grades 3-5 (Media Room)

November 2 Communion Sunday Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chapel Circle in Faith
Chapel and return for Communion

November 9	Energy	Laura Jame
November 16	Mistakes	Laura Jame
November 23	Kindness	Laura Jame
November 30	Communion Sunday & Advent Event	Rachel Knuth
Children ages	3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chap	el Circle in Faith
	Chapel and return for Communion	

#### SIGHTLIFE - TRIBUTE TO HEIDI ZIMMER NOVEMBER 12 PROJECT AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Last year our family lost Heidi Zimmer to breast cancer at age 39. The loss of Heidi continues to be very difficult for our family to embrace, yet we are determined to create as much good out of this experience as we can.

One way we can do this is by promoting organ donation. Even with the cancer and pain killing drugs that Heidi endured, with the help of an organization called SightLife, we were still able to

donate her corneas. Two young women, one of them a school teacher, now has sight, thanks to organ donation and SightLife.



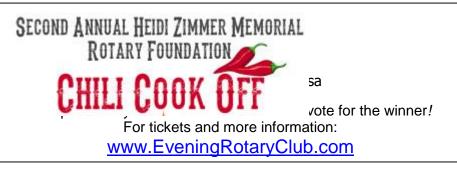
This coming January 1, 2015, at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, SightLife will enter a float with the likenesses of 12 donors in a floral gram. Heidi's likeness will be on that parade float.

On November 12, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room at our church, we will assemble part of Heidi's likeness for the float. We are inviting you to come and share this special event with us and help with the project. A SightLife representative will join us in the Fireside Room to guide us.

Help us celebrate Heidi's life by doing good for others - by promoting organ donation. This is something Heidi, her family and her grandparents would truly appreciate.

Organ donation is in demand by all ages, even children and infants. We hope to make more people aware of this need and we invite you to help. If you are able to attend on November 12, RSVP at <a href="mailto:bzfreshstart@yahoo.com">bzfreshstart@yahoo.com</a>. Thank You,

The Zimmer Family



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

The good news is that our operating fund finished September in the black. The balance at the end of the month was \$4890, which is one of the stronger

nine month balances we have had in some time. The less than good news is that we began the month with an operating balance of \$16,255. Pledge receipts, which had been very strong in both July and August, declined significantly in September, although we were still ahead of our nine month projections for pledge income. Both plate income and facilities income also lagged in September. Good news is that our operating expenses remained \$18,000 below projections. October and November have often been challenging months for us financially. Hopefully income will remain strong in the Fall. Thank you for your faithful support.

#### NEW LIFE FOR YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES

Those old eyeglasses in your junk drawer are a great gift to someone in Mexico or South

America through the *Lions In Sight* collection program. Just put the glasses in the collection box in the church entry and they will be processed and eventually reach an eye glass clinic to help someone improve their vision. Old hearing aids are also in demand.

Here is an opportunity to re-use and recycle at the same time as helping someone in need. If you have any questions about the eyeglass collection program, please ask Jerry Coleman.

#### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

Rowena has a new, permanent address: Rowena Kennedy 2111 De La Viina St. Apt 17 Santa Barbara, CA 93105 Diana will be moving soon: Diana Iverson 707 Sunrise Ave Roseville, CA 95661

#### MODERATOR'S MUSINGS....

OH OH WATCH OUT!! I have a NEW PROJECT. I must have too much time on my hands and I am ready to get started. I would like to work on better integrating our new members into the fellowship of our faith community. This topic has come up in our Listening Project and has been bantered around in various committees. It's time to revitalize it.

We are delighted that new members want to join us for it shows



that we have something to offer and are not stagnant. And, we love the fellowship with one another – that always ranks high on reasons why we come to church. We need to meld the two together.

Here's what we need to do:

- 1. Fill out the Volunteer Form in the bulletin or see me about becoming a Shepherd (795-5451).
- 2. Talk to me about hosting a lunch for new members at your home.

What does being a Shepherd mean? Essentially, it's being a friend. Make it up as you go along. It might entail sitting with the new member in church, taking that person to an event that you're active in or exploring a new function together – like serving at the homeless lunch or attending Between Women. You could find out what their interests are and direct them to an activity or another contact person. We need to embody an abundant, extravagant welcome! Church Moderator, Jane Huneke

#### **HEARTY CANNED SOUP DRIVE**

Our local Food Panty has put out a plea for hearty soups. Fall is here and cooler weather is on the horizon – time for soup! Help our local inter-church Food Pantry get some soup on the shelves – hearty soup! Cans of hearty



soups can be dropped off at church on Sundays (or during the week) through November 23 and Mission & Outreach will make sure your canned soup gets to the Food Pantry.

And to help the Food Pantry folks bag the food, please save your bags – gift bags, reusable bags and even plastic bags and they will be put to good use at the Food Pantry.

#### 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 November 30 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, Warm Hats & Underwear." 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, November 30. All the items collected will be delivered to agencies serving the needy on December 15 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 2015.

- 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 to Janice Minton and Joanne Matson for their weekly help in the office – such a treat! © Thank you to Bobbie Johanson for helping cover the office while Karin took a day off. © Thank you to Kathy Matthies for serving as wedding



hostess in October. © Thank you to Bob Holland for keeping our landscape watering in check. © Thank you to Norma Watson, Joyce Cox, Barbara Wilson and Carole Hudlow for washing our towels each week. © Thank you to Sophie Sherman, Joan Carter, Sandy Hendrickson, Katie Baumgras, Julie Cugini, Maya and Harper Malone for your contributions to our Second Saturday meal for the homeless. Very much appreciated! ©

#### A Special Thank You. . .

Dear Community Church Friends,

On behalf of our dad, Tom Larssen, and our family, there are big smiles and continuing gratitude to go all around! So many of you have given such loving and amazing ongoing support to us while Dad's Alzheimer's disease has progressed over the years...it is wonderful, thank you.

This summer his struggle with dementia rapidly increased and he now has excellent, specialized Alzheimer's residential care at Primrose in Santa Rosa. Joyful thank yous to the Men In Black singers and friends who brought music and great spirit to the Primrose residents on Dad's birthday... what an enthusiastic event! Thanks to Brian, Darryl, Keith, and Karin for extra help gathering that huge musical gang of blessed friends!

Visitors are welcome and encouraged seven days a week at Primrose (2080 Guerneville Road) so if you want to drop in and say hello to Dad, please do! You can always call their receptionist at 707-578-8360 if you have questions about visits. Even with impaired language skills, Dad's emotions are usually spot on, loving and kind. He lights up when seeing familiar faces and loves humming along, walks in their gardens, handshakes and hugs, and laughing!

Thank you for being present for all of us. We are grateful for you and your care. Happy Thanksgiving!

The Larssen Family



Long-time church member Burt Bishop died peacefully at home on October 1. He was 95. Burt and his wife Evelyn joined the Community Church in 1989 after retiring to Sebastopol. A memorial service is planned for November 22 at 2 pm, here at the Community Church. Please hold Evelyn and all the Bishop family in your prayers.

#### Baptisms

Thomas Edward Pettis Larssen was baptized on October 4 at the Manhattan Beach Community Church, UCC, co-sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Long Beach. The baptism was officiated by the General Minister and President of the UCC, the Rev. Geoffrey Black. Parents are Elena Larssen & Mark Pettis, and proud grandparents are Tom & Beth Larssen. God Parents to the child are his aunt and uncle, Sonja Larssen and Jon Pettis.

On October 19 we had two baptisms at the Community Church, both officiated by Rev. Nelson. Joan Carter and Jenna Gonzales were baptized prior to becoming new members. We welcome Joan and Jenna into the faith and family of Jesus Christ.

#### Welcome New Members

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823-3629

Marna McKenzie 432 Bonnardel Ave Sebastopol, CA 95472 mjmckenzie@cybermesa.com 505-660-1725

Herbert (Herbie) Lawrence 707-318-0670





On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2014 join us in Memorial Hall as we help host the 14th 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 2014 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 26 or Thursday, November 27. 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 16 & 23 (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. We'll add you to the calendar for the dates you have indicated.

NAME:
PHONE:EMAIL
I am able to help Sundays on:
Nov 2 Nov 9 Nov 16 Nov 23
Dec 7 Dec 14 Dec 21 Dec 28
Christmas Eve: 6 pm 8:30 pm 11 pm
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



MAKE MUSIC... YOUR WAY!

Calling all Middle School Youth to meet with Dorothy McKoin to make a

little music, your way! Dorothy is excited to share her love of music, especially bells and chimes, with our youth and invites you to join in. Meet with Dorothy – who promises to bring a breakfast treat – in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM on Sundays and see what happens. What kind of music do you want to make? Questions? Give Dorothy a call at 829-5520.

#### RECYCLE INKJET CARTRIDGES FOR HABITAT

Leave your empty inkjet cartridges in the green cardboard box in the church office and Mission & Outreach will be able to turn them into cash to help fund our pledge to Habitat for Humanity. Please bring the cartridges in a sealed plastic baggie and Mission & Outreach will take care of the rest. What could be easier!

# Between Women

Saturday, November 8, 2014

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM Please join us on Saturday, November 8, 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.



#### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Terry Beck (829-0314), 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 our Members-at-Large will be able to help you.

#### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet in November on Wednesday mornings, November 5, 12 & 19 in the Fireside Room from 10-11:30 AM, continuing with a study on *Courageous Women in the New* 



Testament. Questions? Contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) will practice in the Choir Room at 9:30 AM on



each Sunday morning in November and sing during the worship service on November 30. Questions? Contact Sara at <a href="mailto:sara.margulis@gmail.com">sara.margulis@gmail.com</a> or by phone at 707-291-2741.

#### RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

To receive the monthly newsletter online, visit <a href="http://www.uccseb.org/Newsletters.php">http://www.uccseb.org/Newsletters.php</a>. **Go Green** and sign up for the online newsletter. Save paper, save postage and save money!



#### UKULELE GROUP MEETS ON FRIDAYS

The UkeStars will continue to meet on Fridays in the Fellowship Hall for their jam sessions and weekly practice from 10-11:30 AM. For information please call Vicki Reno at 827-3668 or email at <a href="mailto:vreno@comcast.net">vreno@comcast.net</a>.



Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let this food by thee be blessed.

#### BIJA CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH



## CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 4

The California Council of Churches provides ballot proposition recommendations for the upcoming election. You may pick up a copy of their recommendations in the church entry or visit www.churchimpact.org.

#### REVIVAL SERVICE NOVEMBER 16TH

As we wind down our 125th Anniversary Celebration we remember the full history of our denomination by honoring the merger of The Congregational Church and The Christian Church in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Our church in Sebastopol was Congregational (the denomination with roots back to the Mayflower and the Pilgrims), but with the merger, the Congregationalists (including our church), were influenced by the energy of the Christian Church, an indigenous American denomination that grew up on the frontier and had a freer worship style and move revival flavor.

Join us on Sunday morning November 16th as Rev. Lizann Bassham and our gospel musicians help us experience that time in our denomination's history as we sing, sing some more, hear The Word, pray, pray some more, and revive our spirits! Feel free to dress in 20s and 30s style.

## SILENT WALKING MEDITATION ADVENT SPIRAL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

December 7 ★ Time 5:30-6:15 ★ Faith Chapel You are invited to join Rachel and Lydia as we begin a new Advent tradition here at the Community Church - a silent walking meditation for children and youth ages 5 and up. Younger siblings and parents welcome also to meet in Faith Chapel at 5:30 PM on December 7. Come ready for a quiet, reverent and beautiful ritual to celebrate Advent.



#### Women's Retreat Yard Sale Success!

The yard sale held on October 18 was a big success! Thanks to our yard sale coordinator Lisa Dawson and to all the folks who donated items for the sale and all our customers! We raised \$1,930 – all of which will go towards the Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support!

# Youth News

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12 Middle School PF Grades 6-8

I Know I Am Because I Said I Am. In November we continue our series on identity! Come to work your body outlines and think about who we are as people of faith.



November 2 Youth Group Mystery Trip!

Middle & High School Youth 4-8:30 PM

We're talking about our feet GOING tonight... so let's GO!

Where does your faith lead you to go? What good news do you have to share and with whom do you want to share it? We'll work on the feet portion of our body outline, then get in the van and go! (Parents, just ask Lydia, but you gotta keep it quiet!) Bring closed toed shoes, socks and \$10.

November 9 Youth Lounge

Hair: Crazy Hair Night – show up with your weirdest 'do'
4 PM Middle School Hang Out \* 4:30 -6 PM Meeting
6 PM High School Hang Out \* 6:30 -8 PM Meeting

November 16 No Youth Meetings Today
High School Youth are at the Fall Youth Event in San Jose

November 22-23 Middle School Lock Up In at 1 pm on Saturday until 12:30 pm Sunday

We have lots to cover – service project at Renaissance Center, baking pumpkin pies with Kathy and then after church, we have our pumpkin pie sale!

November 23 – All Middle & High School Youth
4-6:30 pm – Youth Lounge (closing shop early at 6:30)
The Youth Lounge will be open for Pizza & a Movie and to work on our Body Collages. Please note the time change!

# November 30 Advent Event! Middle & High School Youth assist with Advent Event We'll be in Memorial Hall – please arrive by 9:30 am

November 30 Youth Lounge - Cankles

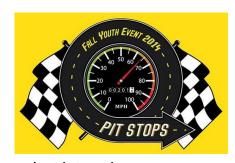
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Every year during advent, we prepare for the birth of Jesus. If
we're following along in the story, this is the part where Mary is
pregnant and getting ready for the birth. Although pregnancy can
be very joyful, there can also be some rather... unpleasant parts.
What can those unpleasant bits till us about how to prepare for
Jesus' arrival?

#### Fall Youth Event November 15-16 • Grades 9-12

#### The Deets:

Register at ncncucc.org, then email Lydia at LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org to let her know you're coming!

Financial hardship? No problem. Just let me know.



- Meet at church at 9:45am on Saturday, November 16
- Return at 2pm on Sunday, November 17
- Bring money for lunches for Saturday and Sunday!
   (About \$20. Let Lydia know if you'll need help with this.)

The GODyssey continues! Hop in your car (or church van in our case!) and join us for Pit Stops.

In motorsports, a pit stop is where a racing vehicle stops in the pits during a race for refueling, new tires, repairs, mechanical adjustments, a driver change, or any combination of the above.

Do you know when and where to find a pit stop for your faith journey? What do you do when your spiritual tank is on empty? Join us at Fall Youth Event where we'll fill up, tune up, and drive on together. Also, join us to see Lydia annoy Marlie with as many references to Nascar as possible!!!

## Women's Retreat Registration Form January 16-17-18, 2105

Registration - I	will attend as follows OR:	
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	Retreat Fri-Sun with meals	
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Joyce Cox

#### A RETREAT FOR ALL WOMEN

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16-18, 2015 ANGELA CENTER IN SANTA ROSA

The weekend begins with Friday dinner and ends after brunch on Sunday morning at 10. There are a few openings for Saturday only.

The time at retreat is yours to do as you wish. Nothing is mandatory! Sessions are no longer than 2 hours, with breaks and lots of interaction with others or alone time. Free time is just that, free. Free to hike, sleep, chat, and there are always table games with lots of fun and laughter.

**FACILITATOR:** Rev. Jean Waring Boal and her husband Jeff were active members of our congregation for many years and have three adult children. In 2006, Jean graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity and continued there to get her certificate in Spiritual Direction. Jean was ordained at our church in May 2009 and currently serves as solo pastor for Trinity Congregational Church in Weaverville, California. Jean's favorite quote is from Fredrick Buechner who said, "*The place God calls you to, is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.*"

**THEME**: to be determine possibly something exciting around rejuvenation and joy! To see more information and a tentative schedule, visit us online at <a href="http://www.uccseb.org/ForWomen.php">http://www.uccseb.org/ForWomen.php</a>.

We will be at **Angela Center**, Santa Rosa, off Old Redwood Highway near Cardinal Newman High School. There are 12 rooms with a single bed and 12 with two twin beds. Each room has a sink; bathrooms are down the hall.

The weekend **FEE** of **\$220** per person includes 5 meals, the facilitator and facility. This is a subsidized amount. The fee for Saturday only is \$80 and includes meals.

#### Fees are non-refundable after December 31st.

Want to buy a special <u>Christmas Gift</u> for someone? Gift certificates are available, simply indicate this on the registration form.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** are available for **ANYONE** (you don't have to be part of the church family) who wishes to attend. Due to rising facility costs, the retreat fund is falling a little short. Scholarships will be limited to a maximum of \$170. Payment of your portion can be made monthly so long as it is paid prior to the next retreat. Those who receive a scholarship will be asked to participate in one or more fundraising events. Scholarship information is kept confidential. Contact Nancy Shimetz nshimetz@gmail.com (823.4242 or 707.695.7845 text/voice).

#### **November 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Neighbors In Need Offering 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:30 AM Middle School Music 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group	27	28	29 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Handbell Practice	30 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	31 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	1
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