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### *From the Pastor*

I realize that when I write a newsletter column I often look ahead, but as I write this, I find myself still looking back to our wonderful Launch Sunday – 125th Anniversary – celebration weekend. I look back with gratitude for all the people who helped make it happen; for all the people who came and made it such a great time. Music and dancing and worship and laughter and such tasty food... ah yes, what a time! For me, particularly as I prepared my Launch Sunday sermon, it was also an opportunity to reflect back on all we have shared together – from convection ovens to building projects to affordable housing to homeless outreach to mission trips to camps at Caz. My oh my, the places we have been! And as I reflected, I also was filled with renewed appreciation and love for all those faithful saints who have been part of the journey and shared so much of themselves. As I was preparing, I came across this little verse:

*I think that I shall never see a church that's all it ought to be;  
A church whose members never stray beyond the straight and narrow way;  
A church that has no empty pews, whose pastor never has the blues;  
A church whose members always seek, and none is proud, and all are meek;  
Where all are always sweet and kind, and all to others' faults are blind;  
Such perfect church there may well be, but none of them are known to me.  
But still, we'll work and pray and plan, to make our own the best we can.*

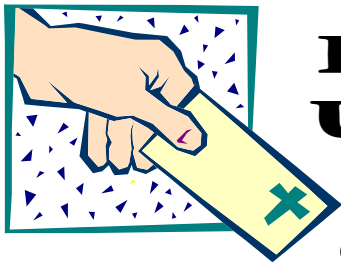
Okay not exactly great poetry, perhaps not even good poetry. But I like the sentiment that, in good times and bad, we are in this together and we will stay together; that being in community means we value right relationships over being right; that even our differences and disagreements can lead us to a fuller expression and understanding of God.

There is a hymn that proclaims: "The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead." Well, we are far from dead, but our celebration of 125 years reminds us that there is much to claim from our heritage, and much to build on as we move ahead with new ministries and new challenges. With faith in each other, faith in God and a vision of a beloved community, our journey continues toward a hope-filled future.

*Gene*

# October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>9:30 AM</b> Middle School Music w/Dorothy <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>5:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice	<b>2</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Meeting  <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Fellowship Luncheon  <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>International Crafts Sale</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>9:30 AM</b> Middle School Music w/Dorothy <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>5:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice  <b>5:00 PM</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>8:40 AM</b> Between Women  <b>11:30 AM</b> Second Table-Homeless Lunch  <b>1:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Wedding
<b>12</b> <b>Children's Sabbath</b> <b>International Crafts Sale</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>9:30 AM</b> Middle School Music w/Dorothy <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>5:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice  <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>16</b> Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings  <b>6:15 PM</b> Music & Worship Planning  <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>18</b> <b>Women's Retreat</b> <b>Rummage Sale in Memorial Hall</b>
<b>19</b> <b>New Members Received</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>9:30 AM</b> Middle School Music w/Dorothy <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth Group	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach   Rev. Nelson on Study Leave October 20-23	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>5:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Neighbors In Need Offering</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>9:30 AM</b> Middle School Music w/Dorothy <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>5:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>31</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>1</b>



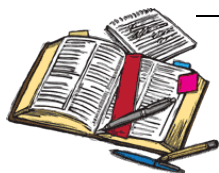
## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our church finished the summer on a strong financial note. Due primarily to continued strong income from pledges and reduced expenses, we finished August with a positive operating balance of \$16,500. Things have seldom looked so good financially at the end of August. Pledge income was \$27,000 ahead of our projections and expenses were \$17,000 below projections. Our facility use income was also strong in August, although plate income continued to lag, running almost \$13,000 below projections. Hopefully it will pick up in the Fall. A number of you gave faithfully during the summer months, and what a difference you have made! Thank you.



### NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received into The Community Church on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. If you are interested in church membership or in learning more about the Community Church and church membership, please contact Rev. Nelson or call the church office 823-2484 ext.100 to schedule a time to meet with him.



### REV. NELSON STUDY LEAVE

Rev Nelson will be out of the office October 20-23 on study leave.

### 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 [vreno@comcast.net](mailto:vreno@comcast.net).



# October 2014 Sermons & Scripture

*October 5*

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

#### DECISION TIME

The world God is attempting to shape will not be established by chance or coincidence. We must play our part.

**Matthew 21:33-46**

**Rev. Nelson**

**World Communion Sunday and International Craft Sale**

*October 12*

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Our Christian Education director, Rachel Knuth, will preach this Sunday.  
**Children's Choir**

*October 19*

### DEATH AND TAXES

As if he doesn't have enough on his mind, Jesus finds himself engaged in a discussion of taxes. And not a CPA in sight!

**Matthew 22:15-22 New Members Received Rev. Nelson**

*October 26*

### BEYOND SENTIMENT

We know this text....love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. But it is easier to quote it than do it!

**Matthew 22:34-40**

**Rev. Nelson**

**Neighbors In Need Offering Received**





Children's Ministry

## 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 then return to worship in the Sanctuary during the Doxology to partake in Communion with their families. Children under age 3 can go the Nursery in Room 4 with Diana Wilson.

Sunday School is available for children ages 3 and up on all non-communion Sundays and for the month of October will be taught by Debbie McClellan, Mary McMillon and Andi Polley.

### Children Ages 3-4 (Room #5)

DATE	STORY	
<b>October 5</b>	<i>World Communion Sunday</i>	Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chapel Circle in Faith Chapel and return for Communion		
<b>October 12</b>	<i>The Flood &amp; Noah's Ark</i>	
<b>October 19</b>	<i>The Great Family</i>	
<b>October 26</b>	<i>Exodus</i>	

### Children Grades K-2 (Room #6)

DATE	STORY	
<b>October 5</b>	<i>World Communion Sunday</i>	Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chapel Circle in Faith Chapel and return for Communion		
<b>October 12</b>	<i>The Great Family</i>	
<b>October 19</b>	<i>Exodus</i>	
<b>October 26</b>	<i>The Ten Best Ways</i>	

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

DATE	STORY	
<b>October 5</b>	<i>World Communion Sunday</i>	Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel for Chapel Circle in Faith Chapel and return for Communion		
<b>October 12</b>	<i>Divine Energy</i>	
<b>October 19</b>	<i>Nature</i>	
<b>October 26</b>	<i>Presence</i>	

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

In 1974, a Sebastopol City Manager and some folks from The Community Church of Sebastopol had a dream... a dream of affordable housing for seniors in Sebastopol. There was a piece of property just off Bodega Ave., near the cemetery, owned by Mrs. Luther Burbank. Don Dowd from The Community Church and Mel Davis, the City Manager, began discussions with Mrs. Burbank. At the same time, the city began discussions with HUD to gain financing.



When Mrs. Burbank agreed to sell the property, Don Dowd put up his own money in order to guarantee the sale. HUD required a non-profit organization to work with the city and form a Board of Directors for the project, so The Community Church and its pastor, Rev Phil Anderson, and the United Methodist Church and its pastor, Rev. Elmer Podall, agreed to join with the city in sponsoring the new development, which would be named Burbank Heights. Don Dowd became president of the new board and construction began in June, 1974.

In April, 1975, Burbank Heights opened with 138 units of affordable senior housing, with a board consisting of three members from The Community Church, three from the Methodist Church, and one at large member from the community. Both churches continue to be represented on the Board.

And in 1992, under the leadership of board president, Larry Duffield, Burbank Orchards was constructed – an additional 60 units of housing for low to very low income seniors.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Join Grief Counselors Harry & Susanna Simms in the Fireside Room on Thursday evenings at 7 PM as they facilitate a support group dealing with the pain of grief. Losing a loved one, whether it be a recent loss, or from years past, can be difficult to process. Please contact Harry or Susanna at 829-7769 if you have any questions. The group meets Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. There is no charge and the group is open to all.







## MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets regularly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 20 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room at the Community Church.

### SATURDAY TABLE

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

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

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

☺ **Thank you** ☺ **Thank you** ☺ **Thank you** ☺ **Thank you** ☺

Thanks to all who provided food and toiletries for the September Second Saturday Meal: Carleen Madsen, Norma Watson, Darryl Fenley, Elyse Mengle, Linda Roa, Katy, and Karin Seder.

A 5-star meal was enjoyed by all of our guests – watch for another opportunity to help in October!

Coming soon – our ShoeBox Ministry!



## Women's Retreat Fundraiser

Women's Retreat Committee is planning a Yard Sale for October 18 in Memorial Hall.

Start cleaning out your closets and check the corners of your garage for items you no longer need. If you have items you would like to donate to yard sale for the Women's Retreat Committee, contact Lisa Dawson at 953-9545 or [LisaDawson@sonic.net](mailto:LisaDawson@sonic.net).



## WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN...



## MEN'S GROUP

those concerns. I then take these concerns and questions to our Church Council.

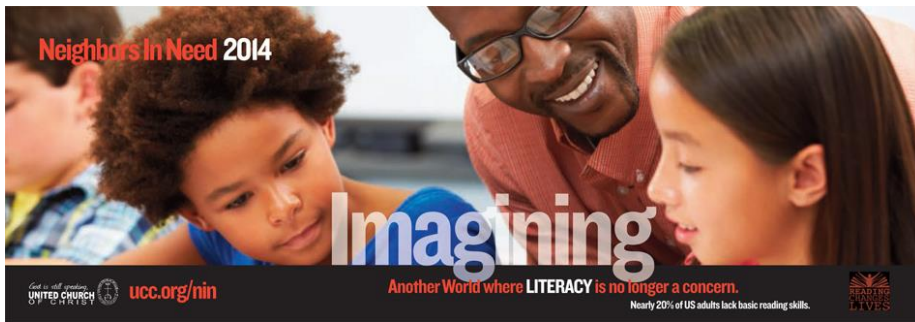
A question came up recently, "How can I get to know a few of our men members on a social level?" Having been a member of our church for thirty-seven years, I thought I would list a few things we have done.

At various times we have had a men's breakfast once a month before church, a Thursday 7:30 AM men's Bible Study and an annual weekend work project at our Cazadero camp. There are still a few male/female discussion groups that meet once a month at different homes. Some of these groups still meeting were formed over forty years ago.

As of now, men have only Sunday morning adult education, church worship service and coffee hour following our Sunday service.

If any of you men might be interested in more social interaction with other men at the church and/or have ideas about how we might do this, please let me know at [hollandrobert@comcast.net](mailto:hollandrobert@comcast.net) or call me – Bob Holland – at 707 823-6899.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING IMAGINING ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE



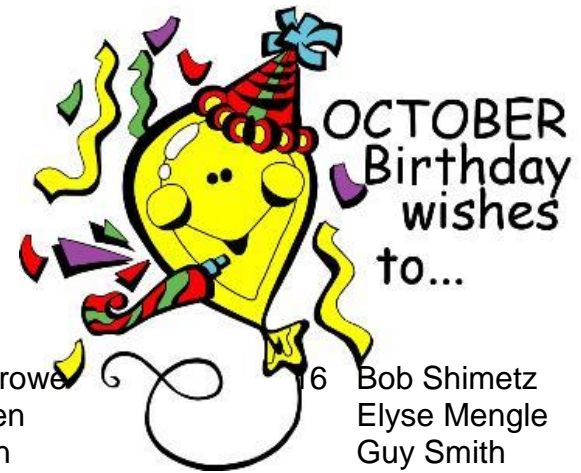
On Sunday, October 26, we will receive the yearly Neighbors In Need (NIN) special offering. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence and crime is welded to reading. Low reading skills cause more students to drop out of school than poverty. *Reading Changes Lives*, the UCC's newest all-church initiative, is a literacy program designed to combat this global crisis. Your support of the Neighbors in Need offering helps to provide funding to this important service project.

Through your generous support of our Neighbors In Needs, we can enable others to dare to dream that yes, another world is possible, where literacy is no longer a concern.

### 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. We hope you will join us.



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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Margaret Crowe           | 6 Bob Shimetz         |
| 2 Tom Larssen              | Elyse Mengle          |
| Laura Steyn                | Guy Smith             |
| 4 Will Plaucher            | Nicole Porter         |
| Lynn Deedler               | 17 Greg Bradley       |
| Spencer Babcock            | Brianna Bright        |
| 6 Laurie Mitchell          | 18 Helen Sokolis      |
| John Wilson                | Dillon Jackson        |
| Annie Nelson               | 20 Steve Beck         |
| 7 Laura Jame               | Kaydin Berndt         |
| Libby Plaucher             | Janice Humphries      |
| Bret Felciano              | Ben Rasmus            |
| 8 Jan Sweeney              | Gavin Bright          |
| Linda Roa                  | 22 Larry Robert       |
| Lori Blackburn             | 23 Lizann Bassham     |
| 9 Chris Evans              | Ann Butterfield       |
| Linda Mollenahuer-Meyskens |                       |
| 10 Benjamin Feige          | 24 Emma DelMonte      |
| Gloria Given               | Ella Trevino          |
| Dakota Blackstone          | Maryellen Taylor      |
| 11 William Oakes           | 25 Fran Begun         |
| Linda Inman                | 26 Kay Warren         |
| Cedar Edwards              | 28 Lorene Coconas     |
| 12 Jim Coconas             | Betty Nelson          |
| Lois Seeber                | Megan Buckley-Cutting |
| 13 Suzanne White           | Henry Feige           |
| Gerri Doody                | Steve Steinberg       |
| 14 Dianne Moore            | 29 Shawna Smith       |
| 15 Mel Davis               |                       |



## 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

Intergenerational Gathering

**Saturday, October 11, 2014**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM**

Please join us for our first meeting following our summer break, on Saturday, October 11, 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.

## A Special Thank You

Thanks to my church family for all the support, encouragement and assistance in my home search. I am almost settled in my Sebastopol home and I look forward to inviting you over for a visit soon!

Barbara Whitson

## 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 October on Wednesday mornings 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.



WOMEN'S  
Bible Study



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) will practice in the Choir Room at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning on October 5, 12, 19 and 26. Questions? Contact Sara at [sara.marqulis@gmail.com](mailto:sara.marqulis@gmail.com) or by phone at 707-291-2741.

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MINISTER  
OF MUSIC

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: \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you ☺ Thank you ☺ Thank you ☺ Thank you ☺

☺ Thank you to the 125th Anniversary committee: Chris Jenkins for chairing the committee and continuing to share her vision. Chris kept us on track and her energy never seemed to waver; ☺ to Kathy



Matthies for all the wonderful food and decorations for both Saturday and Sunday... not sure she even slept the entire Launch weekend!; ☺ Thank you to Joyce Cox and Pam Ammondson for planning our 125 Days of Caring and to Joyce for the timeline of our church; ☺

to Marie Cotton for her work on the ark for the Apple Blossom parade, and her help with food preparation for our big weekend celebration; ☺ to Joanne Feige for logistical support and her ticket sales at the door; ☺ thanks also to Carole Hudlow for taking tickets at the door and to all the kind folks who helped Kathy with decorations, food preparation, serving and clean up. ☺ Thank you to Steve Beck and Pascale Webb for their ongoing help and support; and ☺ to Karin Seder for making the ice cream, photos and essential office support. ☺ Thank you to Dorothy McKoin and Linda Roa for their help making ice cream and to Tom & Pat Dilley for providing the berries. ☺ And thanks also to Chris Hudlow and Lost Dog Found for the wonderful concert and to Fannie and Wade for dance lessons, and to all our church musicians who added their talents to the weekend. ☺ Thanks to Andrea Furber Card and Benzinger Winery for a generous wine donation and ☺ thanks to Balleto Winery and John Henel for additional wine donations. ☺ To Gail Thomas for helping with special flower requests for the weekend and for her part in the Sunday morning skit, ☺ along with Chris Jenkins, Ellen Sullivan and Pat Furber – they all played their parts well! ☺ Thank you to Glenda Elvy for the special presentation of the Magic Penny and to all the “kids” who came up to sing! ☺ Thank you to Keith Blackstone for all he did to make the entire weekend run smoothly. ☺ Thank you to Tom Dilley for his work on the new door opener – how sweet it is! ☺ Thank you to Janet Minton, Joanne Matson and Norma Taddeucci for your help with the newsletter and bulletin preparations each week. ☺

Thank you ☺ Thank you ☺ Thank you ☺ Thank you ☺

## International Crafts Sale

October 5 & 12 in the Courtyard

Mission & Outreach will present our annual International Craft Sale in the courtyard after church on Sunday, October 5 and also on October 12. Two Sundays to find handcraft items from Third World artisans, distributed by Ten Thousand Villages, for you to purchase. Ten Thousand Villages is an organization of the Mennonite Central Committee that pays artisans a fair market value for their wares that are sold by churches and other non-profit agencies. As a mission project, our Mission & Outreach Committee will sell the craft items and return all of the proceeds to Ten Thousand Villages. Please join us after church on October 5 & 12 to shop for these wonderful items for family friends, and yourself!



### ***Inter-Church Food Pantry Benefit Concert***

**OCTOBER 12 AT 3 PM**

500 ROBINSON RD IN SEBASTOPOL

**ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH FEATURING**

### ***Joyful Noise! Gospel Singers***

An uplifting afternoon of Spirituals, Gospel Music and African Folk Songs. Come ready to clap your hands & sing!

\$10 suggested donation or:

canned fish • nut butters • canned soup • brown rice

any non-perishable food • Think CASES not CANS

Children Welcome! No one turned away for lack of funds

## **MEMORIAL HALL KITCHEN COMPLETE!**

Our Memorial Hall kitchen is now complete! Thanks to some very generous donations we were able to make the final purchases and finish up the details. By the time you read this, we should have a new stove in Memorial Hall – with the old stove moved

### **Kitchen Update**



into Fellowship Hall, a rolling rack for storage of pots and pans plus the new counter top on the kitchen island.

A big thank you goes to Roger & Linda Collins for donating the storage rack and for Roger's expert workmanship with the stainless steel countertop. Job well done!





# 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

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:

Oct 5\_\_\_ Oct 15\_\_\_ Oct 19\_\_\_ Oct 26\_\_\_

Nov 2\_\_\_ Nov 9\_\_\_ Nov 16\_\_\_ Nov 23\_\_\_

Dec 7\_\_\_ Dec 14\_\_\_ Dec 21\_\_\_ Dec 28\_\_\_

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

# Women's Fellowship

The Community Church Women's Fellowship group will meet on **October 2** at 10:30 AM in Faith Chapel for a business meeting followed by a program on Building Better Balance presented by Vanessa Kettler. At noon we will move into Fellowship Hall for a potluck luncheon. Fannie Lanzo and Margaret Murakami will coordinate the luncheon – please bring a hot or cold dish to share.

Circles will meet on **October 16**, times and locations to be announced.

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

On November 2, following worship, the Women' Fellowship will offer a variety of crafts for sale in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall. Embroidered towels, doll clothes, scarves, handmade stationery, jams, jellies, baked goods and more will be available for you to purchase on November 2. Please be generous with your purchases as all proceeds will help Women's Fellowship continue their support of local outreach programs.



Fall  
Crafts & Bake Sale

## NURSERY IN ROOM 4

Have you peeked in to Room #4 and taken a look at our new dedicated space for the youngest members of our church family? The nursery transformation, thanks to an Eagle Scout project by Lucas Trevino, with a little help from his dad, Antonio, and also Tom Dilley, includes fresh paint, a new door installed to Room 3 (and the play yard) a crib, changing table, baby toys, a new rug and a rocking chair. There are still a few items on our wish list that maybe you can help with – give Diana Wilson a call at 829-9291 to make arrangements for delivery.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| small (youth size) table | small chairs                        |
| bookshelves              | stool (to help tots reach the sink) |
| stroller                 | pull-ups (toddler training diapers) |

And one item we can always use to finish the project, your cash donations. Checks can be made payable to the Community Church with a notation in the memo line: nursery project.

## Passages

### Births

Eden Rose Stauffer, great granddaughter to Glenda Elvy, was born on July 9 in Dayton, Ohio, the fourth daughter born to Glenda's granddaughter and her husband, Monica & Matt Stauffer.

Aubry Ann Deedler was born on July 29 to Brian and Jamie Deedler. She is the delight to all, especially her grandparents, Barbara and Lynn Deedler.

### Weddings

On August 9 Megan Deedler, daughter of Barbara and Lynn Deedler was married to Jesse Blackhill in LaJolla, California in a "storybook" wedding.

Meg Brown and Jim Wallace were married in a small ceremony in Faith Chapel on September 9, officiated by Rev. Nelson. Meg and Jim will split their time between Sebastopol and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Meg's new address in New Mexico is 5405 Hines Rd, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Blessings and Congratulations to All!



INVITES YOU TO THE 2014 PUBLIC MEETING

### *Fanning the Flame:*

THE INTERSECTION OF LOVE & JUSTICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 • 3-5 PM

Santa Rosa High School Auditorium  
1235 Mendocino Ave in Santa Rosa

We need your presence, energy, and heart to win our campaigns for:

- Restorative Justice policies in our schools
- Drivers Licenses for all (AB60)
- Free Student Buss Passes for all students
- A Living Wage for all county workers

Childcare will be available. For more information call 707.318.2818

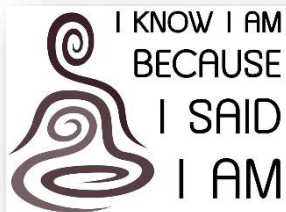
# Youth News

October 2014

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

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



## October 5 Youth Lounge

**Your Brain: What does your faith call you to do with your brain?**

4 PM Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 -6 PM Meeting

6 PM High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 -8 PM Meeting

## October 11 All Youth Service Opportunity: Redwood Empire Food Bank

Wear closed-toed shoes and bring money for lunch. Come sort food and make a difference for our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. Then tomorrow we meet and talk about what we eat and what our faith calls us to do with and about food. Depart from the church Danmar parking lot at 8:15 AM. We will return to the church at 2 PM. RSVP to Sara Jordan at 707.658.1967.

## October 12 Youth Lounge

**Your Belly: What does our faith call us to eat?**

4 PM Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 -6 PM Meeting

6 PM High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 -8 PM Meeting

## October 19 Youth Lounge Movie & Pizza Night!

4 PM Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 -6 PM Meeting

6 PM High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 -8 PM Meeting

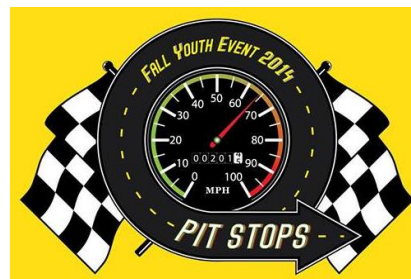
## October 26 Youth Lounge

**Your Legs: What do we stand on as progressive Christians?  
Games, fun, awesomeness, and the start of our life-size portraits!**

4 PM Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 -6 PM Meeting

6 PM High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 -8 PM Meeting

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



### The Deets:

- Register at [ncncucc.org](http://ncncucc.org), then email Lydia at [LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org](mailto: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!!!

### Youth Group Classifieds! Attention Church Family!

#### We are in need of:

Garment Racks (2) for the youth room (to borrow from Sept-Nov) Questions? Contributions? Contact Lydia at

[LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org](mailto:LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org)

### Coming Up in November:

#### 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? It's a MYSTERY!!! (Parents, just ask Lydia, but you gotta keep it quiet!)

## Women's Retreat Registration Form

January 16-17-18, 2105

**Registration** - I will attend as follows - OR:-

\_\_\_ Gift Certificate for person listed below from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$220 Full Retreat Fri-Sun with meals

\_\_\_ \$80 Saturday Only includes meals

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = **Total Registration Fee – Fees are not refundable after Dec. 31**

\_\_\_ Enclosed is the total registration fee

\_\_\_ Enclosed is the total fee + to supplement the retreat fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Enclosed is a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (no less than \$50)

NOTE: The remaining balance to be paid no later than Jan 9th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Carpooling will be arranged by Joyce Cox [b-j-cox@att.net](mailto:b-j-cox@att.net) 829.0750

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

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

**Lodging:** Preferred roommate (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Checks are made payable to **The Community Church** with a notation in the memo line: Women's Retreat.

Please return this form with your deposit to:

Jane Huneke, 8026 Macaw Ct., Rohnert Park, CA 94928

OR, drop in the collection plate, OR, leave at the church office.

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## 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 <http://www.uccseb.org/ForWomen.php>.

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 **Christmas Gift** 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](mailto:nshimetz@gmail.com) (823.4242 or 707.695.7845 text/voice).