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From the Pastor. . .

The Rev. Ralph Hamburger, 91-years-old and a retired Presbyterian pastor, was recently presented with Princeton Theological Seminary's Distinguished Alumni/ae Award. Ralph Hamburger...certainly an unpretentious name, a name that might elicit a smile if you heard it at a party. An unpretentious name for an unpretentious man.

When the award was announced, he was nominated by his daughter, most people wondered who this guy was. No one had ever heard of him. But then it was learned that he had spent most of his ministry pastoring underground churches behind the iron curtain. There were very few days when he was not an outlaw, always in danger of being arrested. When he received the award for a life of unpretentious heroism, he spoke tenderly of his wife, now confined to an assisted living facility, and then he described the holiness he found in the dangerous ground upon which he lived his life. M. Craig Barnes, president of the seminary, who told this story, adds this: "One of the things about Ralph's life that makes him distinguished is the reminder that there are many unpretentious, undistinguished pastors in the world who are quietly doing heroic things." I believe the same could be said of many of you.

I confess that even after all these years, I still wonder how Jesus could have called someone like me to do his work in the world. My faults, my weaknesses, my many failures to be a faithful disciple, are all too clear to me. Certainly he could have found someone more qualified. I wonder if you ever feel the same. And yet, here we are, people who gather together each week, seeking the strength, courage and faith to be the people God calls us to be.

I suspect that in the coming year, our church will not be featured in Time or People. I suspect presidential candidates will not stop by to say hello. We probably will not make lists of "The Top Ten Churches in the United States." But we will continue to gather each week for worship, we will support our children and youth, we will reach out to the homeless and needy, we will support the Food Pantry and other organizations in our county seeking to serve others and advocate for justice and fairness. And we will continue to provide meals and care for those in our church community who are ill, are grieving or who just need an outstretched hand.

No nothing spectacular. Much of the world will not even notice. But through daily, unpretentious and largely behind the scenes acts of caring and faith, we, in spite of our many imperfections, will be used by God in the coming year to be a blessing to others and to the church.

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.

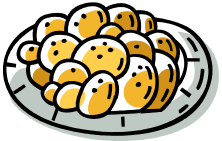


ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS CONTINUES

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!



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!



Our 3-time World Champion San Francisco Giants are a hot item and we have 45 tickets for Saturday, July 11, against the Phillies. We are in section 131 – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of the bus – you save the driving hassle, the bridge tolls and parking nightmare, and have a great trip to see Giant Baseball with your friends. Mark your calendar now and sign up in the church office or call 823-2484 ext. 100. Game time is 7:05 pm and our bus will leave the Danmar parking lot at 3:30 pm. Ticket price for the game and bus: \$105.

Sermons & Scripture

February 2015

February 1

GOD'S INTENTION

Recent events make it clear that evil is still a real presence in our world. But our scripture text makes it equally clear that this is not God's will.

Mark 1: 21-28

Handbells

Rev. Nelson

February 8

SIGNS AND WONDERS

Jesus heals the sick and we sophisticated, 21st century people wonder if it can possibly be true. Amazing how Jesus continues to disrupt our settled opinions of what God can and cannot do.

Mark 1: 29-39

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Children's & Chancel Choirs

February 15

THIN PLACES

On the Mount of Transfiguration, the veil is pulled back and it is as if God is speaking directly to us. Sometimes $2 + 2 = 5!$

Mark 9: 2-9

Rev. Nelson

Lenten Sermon Theme: *The Unexpected Jesus*

February 22

The First Sunday in Lent

Rachel Knuth will be our preacher for this Communion Sunday.

Communion

Chancel Choir

March 1

The Second Sunday in Lent

THE UNEXPECTED JESUS: SO THIS IS GOOD NEWS?

For the first time Jesus tells his disciples he must suffer and die. But there is more... he also invites us to join him..

Mark 8: 31-38

Divine Connection

Rev. Nelson



On Wednesday, February 18, we will mark the beginning of the season of Lent with two Ash Wednesday services in Faith Chapel.

A special Children's Service (adults are welcome too!) will be at 5:30 PM in the chapel. Then at 5:45 everyone is invited to a simple soup supper in Memorial Hall that will conclude by 6:30. At 6:45 PM a contemplative service for adults will be held in the chapel. Ashes will be available for those who would like to receive them as we start the 40 day journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and Holy Week.

Please see a more complete description of the Ash Wednesday services below.

Stardust: Ash Wednesday with Children

Children enjoy participating in the change of church seasons, and Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a short and wonderful Ash Wednesday service for children and families on Wednesday, February 18th at 5:30pm in the Chapel. A simple soup supper follows at 5:45pm in Memorial Hall, with the adult service in Faith Chapel at 6:45pm.

The service will not focus on the traditional language of sin and death that we might hear in a liturgy for adults. We will change the colors of the paraments (cloth) to purple. There will be a (very) short procession and the opportunity for parents and children to exchange stardust ashes on their foreheads.

Afterwards, there will be a simple soup dinner, with sandwiches and cut veggies for the children. It's a great chance to share a meal with the people coming to the later service too. You'll be ready to go and all set for your family bedtime routine by 6:30pm!

Children's Lenten Story Loom

During the worship services in Lent, the stories connected to our children's sermons will be woven into a giant loom in the front of the sanctuary. Come see what we're weaving each week, and feel the ways our spiritual stories connect us as a community. We are so grateful to Tom Dilley for building our loom!

Committee for Adult Education 2015 Faith Journey & Soup Suppers

Each year during Lent, we gather at the church on Tuesday evenings to share in a simple soup supper and then hear one of our church members share his/her story and how faith has helped to shape that story. Easter is April 5 and we will meet on the five Tuesday evenings during Lent beginning February 24 through March 24.

In addition to planning the faith journey portion of the program, we are also looking to sign up soup makers for each of the five Tuesday evenings. We enjoy a variety of homemade soups for this event and if you would like to be on the soup schedule for a Tuesday, please sign up in the church office or call Dorothy McKoin at 829-5520.



We meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 for the soup supper and then move to Faith Chapel in the Pilgrim Center at 7PM for the faith journey. Over the years, this has proven to be a meaningful experience for all who attend and a wonderful way to build community. Your participation will make this event even more special.

Sign up to bring a soup in the church office or send an email to office@uccseb.org or call Dorothy 829-5520. And watch for the updated list as we announce each of our faith journey presenters.



MAKE MUSIC... YOUR WAY!

Calling all Youth, ages 11 and up, 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. Questions? Give Dorothy a call at 829-5520.

Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

Saturday, February 14, 2015

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM

Between Women celebrates 16 years! Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, February 14, in Faith Chapel as we kick off our New Year together with a mega, heart-felt celebration! Do you have a special finger food you would like to share with the group – bring it along! We will reconnect, catch up and share as we kick off the 16th year of **Between Women**

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, print C L E A R L Y the first and last name you would like to see on your church name tag. Leave this request in the church office or collection plate:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR MEN

Spiritual Growth for Men, a class led by John Simmons, continues meeting in February at 9:30 AM on Wednesday mornings in the Media Room. The class will use as a text the book "Wild at Heart, Discovering the Secret of Man's Soul," written by John Eldredge. Sign-up with John Simmons at 823-6517 or the church office at 823-2484 ext.100.

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. More than \$2,000 has been generated from your used inkjet cartridges for our local Habitat for Humanity. What could be easier!



Community Church of Sebastopol is a member of North Bay Organizing Project (NBOP) where we support grassroots efforts on community organizing. On **Sunday, February 8th** after church, there will be a meet and greet "Listening Circle" with organizers of NBOP's local tasks forces and committees in preparation for the Issues Assembly in March.

This will be an opportunity for you to find out what issues are being raised in Sonoma County and the grassroots efforts being done on homelessness, transit improvements, education reform, affordable housing, living wages and more.

Please join us in the Media Room for this very informative "Listening Circle". Small bites provided.

February Birthdays



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|----|--------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 2 | Theresa Weigel | 15 | Brian Wetzel |
| | Rosie Edwards | 16 | Parker Warner |
| | Christian Roa | 17 | Barbara Thompson |
| 3 | Darryl Fenley | 18 | Sonja Larssen |
| 4 | Terry Beck | | Alec Henelsmith |
| | Meg Brown | | Nina Henelsmith |
| 5 | Gabriel Davidson | 19 | John Henel |
| 6 | Ellen Sullivan | 20 | Danelle Wilson |
| 7 | Barbara Wilson | 22 | Bethany Nelson |
| | Reece Blackstone | | Zachary Furber Dobson |
| 9 | Al Davison | 23 | Jean Boal |
| | Herb Castillo | | Judy Davison |
| | Dustin Hamm | 24 | Sophie Sherman |
| 11 | Kathie Mayhew | 26 | Margaux Jame |
| | Alexandra DeSantis | | Pam Ammondson |
| 12 | Charlotte Hildago | | Michael Murakami |
| 14 | Jennifer Halleck | | Benjamin Evans |
| | Sandy Hendrickson | 27 | Nancy Mathews |
| 15 | Martha Kautz | 28 | Erika DelMonte |
| | Joan Carter | | |



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) are invited to choir practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room. The children will practice on February 1, 8, 15 and 22 and sing in worship on February 8.

Questions? Contact Sara.

Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to attend Women's Fellowship meetings, programs and circles. Women's Fellowship has been an important part of The Community Church since the church was first established in Sebastopol in 1889. The group has expanded to include many outreach projects, both within the church and wider community. Meetings and programs are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Circles meet on the third Thursday of the month at a time and place to be announced.

The First Thursday Meeting will be on Feb. 5th at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served. Rev. Nelson will install the new board members and a speaker (to be announced) will follow at 11:15.

The Third Thursday Circles will meet on February 19th in Fellowship Hall. Circle 2 will meet at 10 AM. Circle 1 will meet at 1 PM. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served. Those who wish to bring a brown bag lunch may do so at noon.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet in February on Wednesday, February 4, 11 and 25 in the Fireside Room at 10 AM. The group will follow the theme: Love God deeply; do what you can for others; take good care of yourself. Group leader Joanne Matson has prepared handouts as a study guide from the book: *Prayerfulness, Awakening to the Fullness of Life* by Robert J. Wicks. All women are invited to join the group. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We will continue with our Chapel Circle for Communion Sundays. The children will begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families and then at the middle hymn, children ages 3 and up will be invited to 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.

Children Pre-School & Kindergarten (Room #5)

February 1 Children ages 3 & up are invited to join Rachel in Faith Chapel

February 8 *Parable Sower* Annie Nelson

February 15 *Parable Pearl* Annie Nelson

February 22 Communion Sunday

Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Jamie, Kathy & Mary in Faith Chapel for a lesson on Faces of Easter 1 & 2

Children Grades 1 & 2 (Room #6)

February 1 Children ages 3 & up are invited to join Rachel in Faith Chapel

February 8 *Parable Pearl* Jamie Malone

February 15 *Parable Sower* Jamie Malone

February 22 Communion Sunday

Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Jamie, Kathy & Mary in Faith Chapel for a lesson on Faces of Easter 1 & 2

Children Grades 3-5 (Media Room)

February 1 Children ages 3 & up are invited to join Rachel in Faith Chapel

February 8 *32. One Love: Inclusion* Josephine Weigle

February 15 *The Sacraments* Rachel Knuth

On February 15th, Rachel will be visiting the 3-5th Grade class to review the Sacraments of Baptism & Communion – what they mean, why they are important, and what our denomination teaches about them.

February 22 Communion Sunday

Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Jamie, Kathy & Mary in Faith Chapel for a lesson on Faces of Easter 1 & 2

February 22nd, the First Sunday of Lent, all three Sunday School classes will begin a series on the "Faces of Easter" using the Godly Play curriculum. All classes will meet in Faith Chapel and return to worship for communion with their families. The stories will build each week as we move through Lent and into Easter.

Pledge Update

This year as of 1/22/14

Total Households Pledging 115
Operating Fund Pledges \$254,397

Last year as of 12/24/13

Total Households Pledging 118
Operating Fund Pledges \$269,268

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



THE GIFT OF CLEAN LAUNDRY!

Did you know our church provides a very basic service to our local neighbors in need – laundry vouchers! Your gift of \$5 provides a wash and dry for a large load of laundry at Wash Plus on Bodega Avenue. This is a much needed and much appreciated service, especially during the wet winter months.

Cash or checks marked "laundry" may be left in the collection plate or sent to the church office. What an easy and thoughtful way to help others! If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

GIFT BAGS?

Do you have a bunch of empty gift bags from Christmas? Or small shopping bags with handles? Don't throw them away – we can reuse them here at the church! They make wonderful bags to pack a few food items or "snack bags" for hungry folks needing a little something to eat. Bring them to the church office and we will put them to good use!

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.



SENIOR PF YOUTH PRESENTS A



**Star Studded
Pre-Oscar Brunch**

Sunday, February 22

**11:30am-2:30pm
in Memorial Hall**



**Fundraiser Event
for Sr. High Mission Trip**

★Star Strata Brunch Menu★

★Silent Auction★

★Talent Show & Movie Trivia Contest★

★Photo-op Wall & Much More! ★

Join us in Memorial Hall right after worship on
February 22 for our big fundraising event.
Come dressed up as your favorite Movie Star or
choose from costume props available at the event –
then get your picture taken - Fun! Fun! Fun!

Adults (13+) \$15.00 ★ Children (6-12) \$10.00
★ 5 years and under free ★

Tickets available now from any of our Sr. High Youth – or watch
for their ticket table after church each week.



NEW MEMBER RECEIVED MARCH 1

New members will be received into The Community Church on
Sunday, March 1st 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.

**Sonoma County Community Development Commission
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program**

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission
(CDC) offers low-cost loans to owners of single –family homes,
mobile homes, and multi-family homes for property repairs and
rehabilitation.

What kind of repairs are eligible? A rehabilitation loan can be
used to fix leaking roofs, furnaces,
wiring, plumbing, windows and
doors and other health and safety
corrections.



What do I need to qualify? The
property must be located in Sonoma County and there are
income limits; property taxes and mobile home registration fees
must be current and the property must have adequate insurance.
What are the terms of the loan? Amortized loans and deferred
payment loans are available, both offered at 3% annual interest
rate over 20 years.

For more information: Contact Fred Bengs at 707-565-7542 for
information and specific requirements or find an application at:
<http://www.sonoma-county.org/cdc/cdrehab.htm>

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<http://www.uccseb.org/Newsletters.php>. **Go Green** and sign up
for the online newsletter. Read it online in color, save paper,
save postage and save money!

Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU

☺ Thank you to Bob Holland for taking care of our roses – his work now will make them look even better next summer! ☺
Thank you to Chris Jenkins, Bobbie Johanson, Joanne Matson and Janet Minton for the office help – greatly appreciated! ☺
Thank you to our committees and boards for their time and talents in 2014 – we could not do any of this without you! ☺

Passages


Death

K. Kishaba, a former member of the Community Church, passed away in January. His wife, Lucy Kishaba lives in Turlock, California and would appreciate hearing from friends still in Sebastopol: 986 Fantasy Court, Turlock, CA 95382. A memorial service is planned for February 7 at 1 pm at the Livingston Methodist Church, 11695 Olive Street in Livingston, CA.

Notes

Rowena Kenney wrote a short note to the church office at Christmas time and wanted to share with everyone that she is adjusting well to her new apartment in Santa Barbara and would love to hear from her friends at the Community Church. You may write Rowena at: 2111 De La Vina Street, Apt #17, Santa Barbara, CA 93105-3861.

Diana Iverson would also appreciate a note – she is now living in Roseville near her daughter at: 100 Sterling Court #19, Roseville, CA 95661.

 **Fellowship Hall** dish towels/tea towels are missing! If you took towels home to wash, please remember to return them. If you use towels in Fellowship Hall, we do appreciate you washing them – towels used should not be left in the kitchen – take them home to wash and please remember to bring them back!

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS INVITE EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS TOO!

Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory!

There is no cost to our church, and each participating family will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family & friends. Watch for the sign up table on Sundays after church or visit our website at www.uccseb.org to schedule your photography appointment – look for the link on the home page.

Personalize your photo – the photo can be as casual or as formal as you would like – pets welcome! Photo sessions will be held on **February 3 & 4**

from 1-9 pm in the Youth Lounge and **February 26 & 27** from 1-9 pm in the Fireside Room. On Saturday, **February 28**, photos will be taken from 9 am to 5 pm in the Fireside Room. We look forward to seeing you!



We offer this invitation to your extended family, friends and neighbors – they can also receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait** and they don't need to be in our church directory (unless they want to be!) The more people we can photograph, the more pictorial pages we can add to commemorate the 125th anniversary section of the directory. Let your friends know how they can get their free sitting and free 8 x 10 photo of their choosing.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help make our new directory a success! Chris Jenkins is coordinating volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the photography sessions, contact Chris at 829-2230 or call the church office.

Youth News

February 2015



Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

February 1 – Youth Lounge

More games, more fun, more stories!
Echo the Story – Session 2: Disruption

4 pm Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 - 6 pm Meeting
6 pm High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 - 8 pm Meeting



February 8 – Youth Lounge

More games, more fun, more stories!
Echo the Story – Session 3: The Promise
4 pm Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 - 6 pm Meeting
6 pm High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 - 8 pm Meeting

February 15 –

Middle School: Game Night – Youth Lounge
4 pm Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 - 6 pm Meeting

Sr. High Youth: **FebCamp at Mt Toyon Feb 14-16**
The Godyssey Continues

People Walking in Darkness

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. Isaiah 9:2
Register at ncnuc.org/outdoor-ministries by January 26 for the Early Bird price of \$170. After that date, registration is \$190. Scholarships are available – check with Lydia. All registration closes January 12 and you will not be able to register on site.

February 22 – 10:30 AM – Youth Fundraiser Brunch!

Get to church early, ready to work as we present our **Oscar Brunch Fundraiser** to the congregation! Proceeds will go towards the Mission Trip. No evening meeting tonight!



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach will meet on Monday, February 16 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

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*
- ❖ *Soaps, shampoos and conditioner in sample or motel sizes*
- ❖ *Thick tube socks, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.*
- ❖ *Men's walking/athletic shoes or boots*
- ❖ *Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs*
- ❖ *Disposable razors and shaving cream*
- ❖ *Hand sanitizer and Chapstick*

Clothing 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.

SATURDAY TABLE MEAL PREPARATIONS

Thank you to those who brought food for the December Second Saturday Lunch: Katie Baumgrass, Julie Cigini, Daphne Cripps, and Sophie Sherman.

If you would like to provide a dish for February's meal, please contact Joanne Matson, 823-5249 or jmatson@yahoo.com.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Watch for information coming soon about the 2015 Adult Mission Trip, possibly to Weed in Northern California to help with rebuilding from their disastrous fire that wiped out nearly the entire town. All adults are invited and encouraged to participate in this recovery work – no matter what your skill level. Watch for more information coming out soon.

February 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:30 AM Youth Music w/Dorothy 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group | 2 | 3 1:00 PM -9 PM Photo Appts. | 4 9:30 AM Spiritual Growth for Men 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM -9 PM Photo Appts. 5:00 PM Handbell Practice | 5 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship 7:00 PM Fundraising Meeting 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 6 10:00 AM UkeStars | 7 |
| 8 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:30 AM Youth Music w/Dorothy 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 11:45 AM NorthBay Organizing 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group | 9 | 10 | 11 9:30 AM Spiritual Growth for Men 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Handbell Practice | 12 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 13 10:00 AM UkeStars | 14 FebCamp for Sr. High Youth 8:40 AM Between Women 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch |
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| 22 First Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:30 AM Youth Music w/Dorothy 10:30 AM Sr. High Youth 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 11:30 AM Fundraiser Brunch | 23 | 24 6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Faith Journey | 25 9:30 AM Spiritual Growth for Men 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Church Council | 26 1:00 PM -9 PM Photo Appts. 6:15 PM Music & Worship Committee 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir | 27 10:00 AM UkeStars 1:00 PM -9 PM Photo Appts. | 28 9:00 AM -5 PM Phot Appts. |
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THE HISTORY OF CAMP CAZADERO: CAZADERO CAMP BEGINNINGS PART II

by Sara Gerboth

Continued from last month...

Hank Hayden responded by giving a moving presentation to the Midwinter Conference of Pilgrim Fellowship, the youth groups. The PFers pledged \$1,000 of the \$21,000 asking price, and since the reports from all the others that visited the camp were overwhelmingly positive, the Conference decided to go ahead with the purchase.

The 800 acres were purchased in the winter of 1945 for \$21,000. (Wages then were about \$1/hour, and houses sold for about \$7,000.) Churches of the Northern California Conference were asked to donate. Hank went back to the camp with a photographer, and the best five of the photos were enlarged to 8 ½ x 11 and sent to all the churches with descriptive flyers. Local churches had lively money-raising campaigns, and the total mortgage was paid off in three months.

The next big task was preparation of the property for the summer camping program. The Conference minister asked the Sebastopol Pilgrim Fellowship to go up to Cazadero Camp on the Washington's Birthday three-day weekend, to try to make enough of it livable so that a Conference Work Camp could be held during Easter vacation. We responded enthusiastically. On Saturday morning, Jack, my boyfriend, drove the family Jeep with my mother and me and several other kids, while his father drove their pickup just ahead of us with Jack's mother in the front and kids in the back. They had told us that the road was bad and that we would have to ford the stream several times, but we had no idea what we were in for...

We had been uneasy when it rained hard all night, and sure enough, the stream was large, brown, roiling, and over its banks in places. We paused behind as the pickup went through the water several times, and then we followed, taking pick-ups and the Jeep only, and it was a good thing. One time, as the pickup went through the water, it hesitated and stopped, and the engine stalled.

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"Pile out!" Jack said, and we did.

"Get out and push!" he yelled to the kids in the back of the pickup. They all did. We waded into the swift brown water, shoes, clothes and all. Jack's father got the engine started and we pushed and pushed. The tires spun, but slowly, slowly, the truck moved forward and out of the water. Most of the boys were dressed in Levis rolled up to their ankles, the style then. Most of the girls were dressed in daring boy's Levis, just recently considered acceptable for girls (there were no Levis made for girls then), and even though we had them rolled up to our knees as was the fashion of the time, they still got wet, and our shoes and socks filled with mud. Nobody seemed to care; we thought it was fun. We all jumped back into our vehicles and on we went.

This scene replayed several times and I noticed that Jack's dad seemed angry. (I was glad I wasn't in his truck.) The Jeep made it just fine. When we had finally crossed the seventh and last ford, we stopped and rested a few minutes before we headed up the steep hill. We found out later it was a 28% grade, and by the time we made it to the top, both radiators were steaming. We all piled out, happy to be there. Jack's father walked away grumbling.

Our job that weekend was to clean out the old farm house (located where the north end of Gill Lodge and kitchen are now) and make it usable. My mother, Jack's mother, the other girls and I walked to the farmhouse, opened the door and peered in. It was impossible to see anything. In every room layers and layers of cobwebs loaded with dust hung from ceiling to floor. In the dimness at the other end of the kitchen we could make out a big old black wood stove.

"I guess we have our work cut out for us." my mother said. "I should say so!" Jack's mother agreed.

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