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From the Pastor

I once read that the Wise Men were about nine miles off at the end of their journey. They assumed the new king would be born in Jerusalem and that is where they first went. After all, Isaiah 60 proclaims, "Nations will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn..." The prophet is talking to Jerusalem. And of course it made perfect sense. Jerusalem was the center of political, religious and economic power. Where else would a new king be born?

But when they get to Jerusalem, what do they learn? They learn that the prophet, Micah, has spoken a very different world: "But you, O Bethlehem...from you shall come forth the one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old..." Their goal is not Jerusalem, it is Bethlehem – nine miles away. Yes, rural, dusty, unnoticed and unpretentious Bethlehem. Says one scholar, "Rather than hesitate or resist, the Wise Men reorganize their wealth and learning, and reorient themselves and their lives around a baby with no credentials."

The power and self-congratulation of Jerusalem over against the vulnerability and seeming powerlessness of Bethlehem. The Wise Men made their choice. I wonder what their journey might have to say to us about our journey as we move into what promises to be an exciting and challenging new year. Could it be that we as a church are now being invited to travel those hard, demanding miles away from security and safety and toward vulnerability, generosity, uncertainty, and hope? What might be waiting to be born in our life together?

I come into the new year energized. I found the Advent and Christmas season to be invigorating, exciting and hopeful. Our new Faith Chapel was used extensively for a variety of services, children and youth were highly visible in a number of services and in growing numbers, music was wonderful and we welcomed a number of visitors on Sunday mornings. We can embrace these opportunities for growth and increased outreach, but only if we are willing to step out into some uncharted territory, maybe take a few risks, and have a little faith. Sometimes being nine miles off can be a good thing.

Gene

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



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

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS CONTINUES

Please join us Sundays at 9:30 in the Fireside Room for coffee and to discuss the scripture chosen for the sermon. We will begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. We will read the passage, discuss it, and then listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight and hear what the pastor has to say. You don't need to be a Bible scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time.

Baked Goods for Sunday Coffee Hour

We need to stock up with goodies to share during our Coffee Hour! If you have cookies, cake or some kind of treat we can serve after church, please bring it by the church wrapped for the freezer and we can save it for next Sunday. Thanks!



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

Your Name: _____

Favorite Hymns: _____

Sermons & Scripture

January 2014



January 4

Epiphany Sunday

Our Minister of Music, Brian Plaughter, will preach this Sunday.
Communion

January 11

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

THE DEFINING MOMENT

For Jesus, baptism is the moment of self-discovery and the beginning of a journey that would forever change the world. Ever think about the defining moments of your lives?

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Nelson

January 18

ONLY HUMAN...FLAWED HEROES

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

Acts 9:1-9

Rev. Nelson

January 25

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS

For many folks in our part of the world, the very idea of church is a spirit killer. But must it be so.

Philippians 1:21-30

Annual Meeting

Rev. Nelson



Passages

Death

Our prayers and thoughts are with Jon and Jenna Gonzales and family following the death of their ten-year-old son, Jasper. A memorial for Jasper was held in our Faith Chapel on December 11th.

Congratulations

Kurt Nichols was selected as one of the 2014 Sonoma County Spirit Award Honorees. Congratulations!

Moved

Diana Iverson has made the move to her new home in Roseville to be closer to her daughter. Cards and letters would be greatly appreciated, but no phone calls at this time. Diana's new address:

Diana Iverson
100 Sterling Court #19
Roseville, CA 95661



NEW MEMBERS

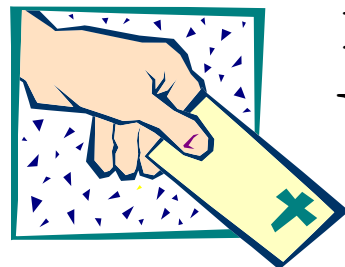
New members will be received into The Community Church on Sunday, January 25th on Annual Meeting Sunday, during the worship service. If you are interested in church membership or in learning more about the Community Church and church membership, please contact Rev. Nelson or call the church office 823-2484 ext.100 to schedule a time to meet with him.



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.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

November proved to be a positive month for the church financially. We finished the month with a positive operating balance of \$1435. So that is good news. Pledge income remained strong, with the year to date receipts \$9000 over projections. Facility use income was also strong. Income from plate, however, remained well under projections. For the month, operating income exceeded expenses by \$4400. Let's hope for a strong December – spiritually and financially!

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

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



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. 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, February 14, 2015

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM

Between Women celebrates 14 years!

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, February 14, in Faith Chapel as we kick off our New Year together!

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 _____

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
- ✂ **Board of Deacons**: 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.



MISSION & OUTREACH

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 recover work – no matter what your skill level. Watch for more information coming out soon.

HEARTY SOUP DRIVE

Thank you very much for the wonderful support our church provided for the Inter-Church Food Pantry – we collected 85 cans of hearty soup to help our neighbors in need!

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? 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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT – JAN 16-18

ALL WOMEN of the church, their family and friends are invited to the Winter Women's Retreat which begins Friday evening, January 16, 2015 and ends Sunday morning following worship. It will be at Angela Center, 535 Angela Drive, Santa Rosa and Rev. Jean Boal will be our facilitator. **Sign up Now!!** Registration forms available in the church office or one line: <http://www.uccseb.org/ForWomen.php> and in this newsletter.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR MEN

A new class, Spiritual Growth for Men, led by John Simmons, will begin in January 14, 2015. The class will use as a text the book “Wild at Heart, Discovering the Secret of Man's Soul,” written by John Eldredge. The class will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Media Room and run for six sessions – and maybe more. Sign-up with John Simmons at 823-6517 or the church office at 823-2484 ext.100.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume meeting on January 14, 2015 at 10AM in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Terry Beck (829-0314), Mary Coleman (861-9444) and Bob Holland (823-6899) are the current Members-at-Large to the Church Council. 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) will practice in the Choir Room at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in January: January 11, 18, and January 25. Questions? Contact Sara.



Pledge Update

This year as of 12/22/14

Total Households Pledging 96
Operating Fund Pledges \$238,627

Last year as of 12/24/13

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

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



Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU

- ❖ Thank you to Kathy Matthies, Kathy Bell, Jamie Malone, Mary McMillon, Sara Margulis and especially Rachel Knuth for creating the best Advent Event ever!
- ❖ Thank you to Joanne Matson and Janet Minton for the extra office help - greatly appreciated!
- ❖ Thank you to Doris Rowe for quietly coming in each week to ready the pews for Sunday.
- ❖ Thank you to Dennis and Sharon Olson for preparing all the Christmas Eve beeswax candles. And to their grandchildren for preparing all the congregational candles for use on Christmas Eve.
- ❖ Thank you to Jeff Pierce and Ernie Erler for picking up and placing our poinsettias on display and thank you to all who delivered poinsettias to our church families.
- ❖ Thank you to Lizann, Darryl, and friends for presenting the wonderful family Christmas Concert to benefit our youth programs here at the church.
- ❖ Thank you to Kathy Matthies for all of our Advent and Christmas banners.
- ❖ Thank you to Gail Thomas for making the arrangements for all of our beautiful Christmas greens.
- ❖ Thank you to Kathy Bell for coordinating all our usher teams and acolytes for our three Christmas Eve services.
- ❖ Thank you to all our acolytes, ushers, greeters and musicians for making our Christmas Eve services so special.
- ❖ Thank you to Brian, Karna, Sara, Keith, Darryl, Chris and Denelle and all those involved with our church music program for the beautiful Christmas Eve services.
- ❖ Thank you to the Committee for Mission & Outreach for spearheading our Christmas collections for the needy – you inspire us!
- ❖ Thank you to Sara, Lydia, Rachel and all the parents for your help with the Christmas Eve Pageant – the children were adorable!
- ❖ Thank you to the Santa's Helper who delivered a new coffee pot to the Fireside Room kitchenette.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach will meet on Monday, January 19 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

The Sock & Underwear Tree collected 153 items that were delivered to those in need at Crossing Jordan, a shelter for women and children; 103 shoeboxes, filled with goodies for homeless men, were delivered to the Homeless Services Center in time for Christmas. Thank you for support providing for our neighbors in need.

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 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.

SATURDAY TABLE MEAL PREPARATIONS

Thank you to those who brought food for the December Second Saturday Lunch: Katie Baumgras, Julie Cigini, Sandy Hendrickson, Sophie Sherman and Norma Watson.

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

January Birthdays!

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

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is open to all women and has been a big part of The Community Church since the church was first established in Sebastopol in 1890. The group has expanded to include numerous outreach projects, both within the church and our wider community.

Find out more at the next meeting, January 15.

On January 15 the Executive Board meets at 10 AM in the Women's Fellowship Office. The General Meeting is at 10:30 AM for Devotionals and Business Meeting in Faith Chapel with the installation of new officers. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

125TH ANNUAL MEETING.



The 125th Annual Meeting of The Community Church of Sebastopol will be on Sunday, January 25th, immediately following worship. The Church Council has decided to have the meeting in the church sanctuary. This

will be a significant meeting and your attendance is encouraged. In addition to receiving our annual committee reports we will also adopt a new budget and elect officers for 2015. The budget discussion will determine the shape of our church staff for 2015. During the meeting we will also hear a presentation on a fund-raising campaign to pay off the mortgage on our new building – Pilgrim Center. The plan is to move into the meeting as quickly as possible, so please make plans to stay. Childcare will be available.

All committee chairs need to turn in their annual report to the church office by January 16, 2015. Please call the church office – 823-2484 – if you have any questions or would like to see copies of previous reports to help you get started.



Youth News

January 2015

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

January 4 – No Meeting

No Youth Groups tonight. Enjoy the time with your family!



January 11 – Youth Lounge – Welcome Back Party!

It's a New Year! Let's have a Pizza Party & Movie Nite!

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

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

January 17-19 MidWinter Camp for Middle School Youth

Sign up on line: <https://ncncucc.org/outdoor-ministries/> and let Lydia know you plan to attend. You will need \$\$ for lunch on the way there and back. Questions or need help? – check with Lydia.



January 18 – Youth Lounge
Come for games, fun, and
the start of our Spring
Series: Echo the Story!



Echo the Story Session 1: Creation

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

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



January 25

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

Tuesday, January 27

Dine and Donate at Mary's Pizza Shack in Sebastopol.

Flyers available at the church and by emailing Lydia: LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org. Make sure you give one to all your neighbors and friends. Mary's Pizza Shack in Sebastopol will donate 20% of each purchase to our youth group, but to get it, they have to have the flyer!



Dine & Donate

Please join Mary's Pizza Shack in supporting

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL YOUTH GROUP

at a Dine & Donate Fundraiser on
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2015!

Bring this flyer to the Mary's Pizza Shack in
Sebastopol and support the youth group!

Twenty percent of your purchase will be
donated to the group when you present this
flyer with your order.

Mary's Pizza Shack serves homemade pizzas, pastas,
sandwiches, salads & soups perfect for the whole family.

Mary's will donate 20% of Dine-In, Take-Out & Delivery orders, all day.

Don't have time to stay? Mary's will donate 10% of gift card purchases on the event date.

Sorry, no coupons, discounts or Mary's Money will be accepted for payment with this fundraiser. A 10% donation will be given for gift cards purchased on the event date; a 20% donation will be given for purchases made with a gift card, but the same card cannot be used in both transactions. This flyer cannot be distributed at the restaurant or in the vicinity. This flyer must be presented in order for the organization to receive the donation. Valid only for the date and location(s) specified.

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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 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.

Children Pre-School & Kindergarten (Room #5)

January 4	<i>Communion Sunday</i>	Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel in Faith Chapel for a lesson on Epiphany and return to the Sanctuary for Communion		
January 11	<i>Baptism</i>	Annie Nelson
January 18	<i>Good Shepherd</i>	Annie Nelson
January 25	<i>Good Samaritan</i>	Annie Nelson

Children Grades 1 & 2 (Room #6)

January 4	<i>Communion Sunday</i>	Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel in Faith Chapel for a lesson on Epiphany and return to the Sanctuary for Communion		
January 11	<i>Baptism</i>	Jamie Malnone
January 18	<i>Good Samaritan</i>	Jamie Malnone
January 25	<i>Good Shepherd</i>	Jamie Malnone

Children Grades 3-5 (Media Room)

January 4	<i>Communion Sunday</i>	Rachel Knuth
Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Rachel in Faith Chapel for a lesson on Epiphany and return to the Sanctuary for Communion		
January 11	<i>Kindness</i>	Laurie Mitchell
January 18	<i>Sharing</i>	Laurie Mitchell
January 25	<i>Self Control</i>	Laurie Mitchell



PERSPECTIVES ON IMMIGRATION A COMMUNITY FORUM – JANUARY 15

On January 15 at 6:30 PM, The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County and the American Association of University Women's Healdsburg, Petaluma and Santa Rosa Chapters will host a public forum on the topic of Immigration. The event will be held at the Glaser Center-Unitarian Universalist Church, 547 Mendocino Ave. in Santa Rosa.

Join the conversation with a "dreamer," an immigration counselor, an immigration lawyer, and distinguished educators. Lisa Carreno, of 10000 Degrees, will moderate the program. Learn how dreamers, brought to this country as children but without legal status, strive to claim the United States as their country. Hear how an experienced counselor assists immigrants with the process of gathering documentation to acquire legal status. Listen to the perspective of a non-Latino immigrant. Then, be informed about immigration law as it is now and how the laws may change to affect us all, immigrants, refugees and citizens alike.

Our panelists will speak briefly from their unique perspectives and areas of expertise. The program concludes with a question and answer period, followed by refreshments.

CHURCH COUNCIL & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Church Council and the Board of Trustees will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, January 7 at 7 PM in the Media Room. On the agenda – important budget issues for 2015.

MUSIC & WORSHIP PLANNING

The Music & Worship Planning Committee will meet at 6:15 PM on Thursday, January 8 in the Fireside Room.

REV. NELSON OUT OF THE OFFICE

Rev. Nelson will be out of the office from January 12-14, visiting his father in Arizona. He will be back in the office on January 15.

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 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.

Women's Retreat Committee

Jane Huneke	jhuneke1@att.net	795-5451
Nancy Shimetz	nshimetz@gmail.com	823.4242
Gail Thomas	poohcornerfarm@comcast.net	829.2503
Marge Holland	hollandrobert@comcast.net	823.6899
Joyce Cox	b-j-cox@att.net	829-0750

A RETREAT FOR ALL WOMEN

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

The weekend begins with Friday dinner and ends after worship on Sunday morning. There are a few openings for Saturday only – **sign up now!**

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 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.

THEME: In the Place Just Right.... We will watch and discuss the movie "Having Our Say" as part of the program. 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 (823.4242 or 707.695.7845 text/voice).

Gift Certificates Available – What a lovey idea for someone special!

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL
125TH ANNIVERSARY - QUASQUICENTENNIAL 1889 – 2014
THE HISTORY OF CAMP CAZADERO:
CAZADERO CAMP BEGINNINGS
by Sara Gerboth

A mysterious thing happened at Cazadero Camp before we bought it and we have never found out what actually took place.

The members of the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ wanted a conference ground of their own. The churches were dissatisfied with using other's grounds only at the less desirable, leftover times. Sentiment was leaning toward a camp in Sonoma County and the conference appointed a staff member to search for property. In 1944, she spotted an ad in the San Francisco paper for some land in Cazadero and called Hank Hayden, the minister at Guerneville and asked him to go look at it. Hank, a busy man, decided to take care of two things at once. In his hiking shorts, so unministerial, with his old car full of Guerneville Boy Scouts, he stopped by the little General Store-Post Office-Real Estate Office of Ed Morhardt in Cazadero, to inquire about the property. Ed wasn't busy that day, so he loaded them all into his pick-up truck and took them up to see the property. (Dorothy McHugh's sons Rod and Bruce MacKenzie were part of that troop).

The description read: *"800 acres north of Cazadero, seven buildings, year-round spring and tank. Redwoods, oaks, Doug firs. Terrible, steep road fording creek. Creek very bad in winter. Need jeep or truck to get up there."*

Ed drove them part of the way, fording the stream several times. Finally he stopped and said, "You will have to hike the rest of the way." They piled out and saw ahead the very steep hill, which the pick-up couldn't make with 13 people aboard. Hank and the Boy Scouts climbed the hill, and looked at the property and into the buildings.

"The Ollie Bradley Truth Rest Home," the sign said, and Hank noted that though it was 1944, 1928 calendars still hung on the walls in the old lodge (Redwood Lodge), baby cribs stood ready
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for babies, toothbrushes were still in holders and beds were all made up with now-molding blankets. Vines and shrubs had overgrown everything, like a jungle. Bobbette Thompson, a camper, helped clean out this same lodge at the first Easter work camp. She remembers all the clothes in the closets and dresser drawers and other personal items such as combs and brushes lying around as if the occupant would be back any minute. It looked as if they had all left in a hurry. She wondered why – what had happened?

We found out later that the Rev. Mr. Bradley and his wife Ollie, ran the Church of Truth in Santa Rosa. They had acquired the Cazadero property as a group retirement home, but why then the baby cribs? It was a community established on principles of self-sufficiency and independence, and the owners tried hard to stay away from the town and other civilization. They tried to live on the mountain without contact with others. They planted all kinds of fruits and vegetables and preserved them for the winter. One camper tells of cleaning out the canned food basement and throwing away hundreds of colorful jars of peaches, apricots, applesauce, blackberries, raspberries, tomatoes, snap beans, onions and quince. Even though it smelled wonderful, they could take no chance with the possibility of food poisoning from eating the inherited food. The glass jars were hauled up the hill to the dump, and the beautiful contents were buried in trenches dug in the hillside next to the basement. Why hadn't Church of Truth taken the canned fruit with them, or at least come back for it?

Despite all the questions he had, Hank liked the beautiful meadow surrounded by redwoods, firs and oaks, and he saw potential there. He was intrigued by the variety of fruit trees in the orchard and the gnarly old grape vines. The lodge and the old farmhouse looked sturdy. He eagerly told the Conference office of his opinion of what he had seen. An appointed committee came to look it over, but enthusiasm waned when the older members of the committee could hardly make it up the steep grade and they submitted a negative report.

"Too remote," they said.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30 AM Sunday Worship	29	30	31	1 7:00 PM Grief Group	2 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	3 2:00 PM Burns Family Memorial Service (Sanctuary) & Reception in Memorial Hall
4 Communion Sunday Epiphany Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry	5	6	7 7:00 PM Church Council & Trustees Joint Meeting	8 6:15 PM Music & Worship Planning 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	9 10:00 AM UkeStars practice	10 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch
11 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:30 AM Middle School Music w/Dorothy 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group	12	13	14 9:30 AM Spiritual Growth for Men 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Handbell Practice	15 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice	16 10:00 AM UkeStars practice Women's Retreat	17 MidWinter Camp for Middle School Youth Women's Retreat
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