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From the Pastor

Recently I came across an article with the interesting title, “Are Sundays Dying?” The author, Ryan Jacob, cited Canadian survey data which indicated that even on Sunday, the last citadel of rest and renewal, religious observances, socializing, eating at home and even sleep had all declined over a 25 year period. And during the same period, the time spent working on Sunday had increased dramatically. It makes me wonder if we are in the midst of a major attack on leisure and rest. Says Lutheran pastor, Benjamin J. Dueholm, “The war on leisure, after all, extends beyond Sundays. Commerce and work, and the political power that gathers around them, are eroding the concept of Sabbath – of divinely ordained rest – in every aspect of life. The erosion of idleness is active just below the surface of many of our policy debates over work, family and retirement.”

For some reason, blaming the poor for their plight seems to be a popular spectator sport these days, even as those same voices resist any increase in the minimum wage. But a majority of these workers have families and are working more than full time just to make ends meet. How can we speak of family values when we pursue wage and benefit policies that keep workers from being with their families? Raul Meza, a Los Angeles school custodian who works more than one job, said this about his wages: “When I think of making \$15 an hour, I think mostly of the time that money would buy with my son.” Is human life meant only to serve labor markets and fuel economic growth? Or do we need to consider the possibility, supported by the biblical concept of Sabbath, that life is valuable in itself – is its own rationale and form of wealth. Could it be that each of us, even the poorest of the poor, is created to be more than simply a beast of burden?

For over 30 years, I have used the June newsletter, right on the edge of summer, to talk about the importance of Sabbath and leisure. And at the heart of Sabbath is the drastic, unyielding, world shaking, market unfriendly claim that life – all of life – is in some sense its own end and not an instrument to be used for other, often economic, purposes. The great Jewish writer and theologian, Abraham Heschel, referred to the Sabbath as “a day for the sake of life, a palace in time, an outpost in the rest of life.” My hope is that, in the coming season, we can defend this outpost, not only for ourselves and our families, but for all families. Let us be the ones who dare to say “NO!”, who dare to embody a counter-culture alternative, to all the jealous and false ideologies of modern life.

Gene



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

Family Camp

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6, 2015

Family Camp
All Ages Welcome!

Join us at Family Camp – bring your family to meet our family! The "family" in Family Camp is our church family – singles, doubles, traditional families, non-traditional families

Names (Family rate implies one household and includes college students dependent on parents' income)	Ages (18 & under)	Comments (i.e., will bring port-a-crib, need wheelchair access, cannot walk far, cabin mate requests, special dietary needs, will bring tent, need bottom bunk, cabin requests etc.)

Address: _____ Phone: _____
(Please fill in address, even if you are on mailing list.)

- We request a \$50 non-refundable deposit
- You pay whichever figure is lowest; no family need pay more than \$200
- Fees include two nights lodging, six meals and all materials
- Additional scholarships available – call the church office at 823-2484
- Mail registration & check to Community Church
P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473

Total cost for my family \$ _____
Additional amount I
can contribute \$ _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____
Balance due \$ _____
Must be paid in full by August 24

Family Camp Fee Schedule

Apple Pies Camp Discount	Actual Cost of Camp	Saturday Only
\$44 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)	\$74 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)	\$25 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$72 Individuals 12 years +	\$120 Individuals 12 years +	\$40 Individuals 12 years +
\$200 Families (one household only)	\$388 Families (based on 2 adults, 2 children)	

Our Apples Pies Camp Scholarships subsidize Family Camp rates by 40% for all children and adult campers. Our Family Rate (based on 2 adults and 2 children) offers a savings of almost 50%. Plus we offer additional scholarships to individuals for whom this may present a hardship. We want everyone who would like to go - be able to attend Family Camp!

If you are financially able to pay more than our discounted Family Camp rate, please help us keep our scholarship fund alive and pay what you can, closer to the actual cost of camp.

Beat the traffic and arrive at Camp Cazadero for Family Camp as early as 4 pm on Friday!!

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.

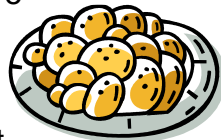


ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS CONTINUES

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 127 – 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 7:15 pm and our bus will leave the Danmar parking lot at 4:30 pm. Ticket price for the game and bus: \$105. License Plate give away night!

Sermons & Scripture

June 2015

June 7

A JOYFUL NOISE

"Don't confuse the issue," said the Mad Hatter, "just sing!" Not bad advice, even for worship. Today we celebrate the music ministry of our church, with all our choirs and other surprises.

Music Appreciation Sunday & Communion Sunday

Psalm 150

Rev. Nelson

June 14

YOU JUST NEVER KNOW

Sometimes even the smallest act can produce surprisingly wonderful results. So hang in there!

Mark 4:26-32

Music by the UkeStars

Rev. Nelson

June 21

Rev. Brian Plaughter will preach this Sunday. Rev. Nelson is away on study leave.

June 28

HEALING POWER

Even when the world says, "No!", Jesus still says "Yes!". Dare we take his "Yes!" for an answer?

Mark 5:21-43

All-Church Picnic

Rev. Nelson

The Community Band



**NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA
NEVADA UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Annual Gathering
June 11-14**

Rev. Nelson and two delegates, Joanne Feige and Norma Watson will attend the NCNCUCC Annual Gathering in June. This year the conference will be held at Sonoma State University.

Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Between Women celebrates 16 years! Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, June 13, (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED) for

Between Women

Between Women meets the second Saturday of the month from 8:40 to 11:00 AM 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 •**

Can you be in charge of coffee? How about setting the table? Help with the program? Can you help with one small portion of this large production we call Between Women? For more information and to volunteer your help, please 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 _____



MEN'S GROUP

An informal Men's Group meets in Faith Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am. All men are invited to attend and join in the discussion on a variety of topics. For more information contact Steve Beck at 829-0314.

MEN'S GROUP
WEDNESDAY AT 9:15 AM
FAITH CHAPEL

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!

BABIES! BABIES! BABIES!



Do you love holding babies, and wish you could spend an hour with them every once in a while? You can! The Nursery is looking for a rotating list of adults who can help hold babies and play with our littlest churchgoers. We're hoping to cultivate a list of adults who can be extra helpers in the Nursery, as needed. If you're interested in being on the list, please contact Karin in the Church Office at 823-2484 ext.100.

WOMEN'S RETREAT YARD SALE!

Don't throw it out or give it away just yet – save it for the Women's Retreat Yard Sale to be held later this fall! More information coming your way soon!



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.



June Birthdays



- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Donna Tappan | 12 Dino Rocha |
| Carole Hudlow | 13 Cassius Nelson |
| Peter Kautz | Antonio Trevino |
| Brian Plaughter | 14 Nathan Nelson |
| Lincoln Warner | 15 Bob Holland |
| Zack Simi | Jamie Malone |
| 2 Keith Blackstone | 16 Elise Lovejoy |
| Chris Hudlow | Sophia Van Leeuwen |
| 3 Mitchell Buckley Cutting | 17 Aina Medved |
| 4 Vince Daluiso | Pam Fleckser |
| Lorna Skinner | 18 Jeff Unternaehrer |
| Amy Cunningham | 19 Sandy Valinoti |
| 5 Brandon Matthies | 21 Olive Wilson |
| Chris Matthies | Alicia Sanchez |
| 6 Brian Purcell | Olivia Acevedo |
| Caleb Petersen | 22 Gary Bachelor |
| Alex Simi | Beth Larssen |
| 7 Anderson Liniak | 24 Bernie Hovden |
| 8 Lucas Felciano | 25 Ben Dougherty |
| 9 Kacey Babcock | 26 Joe Plaughter |
| Ethan DelMonte | 29 Dorothea Rowden |
| 10 Mark Stevens | Marie Cotton |
| 11 Marianne Petersilge | |
| Sharon Elder | |

Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship annual potluck picnic will be on Thursday, June 4 in the Fireside Room patio. We will have a short business meeting at 11:30 am to be followed by the picnic at noon. Please bring a favorite dish to share. This will be the final joint meeting of the circles before our summer hiatus!

The women's Fellowship Afternoon Tea and Spring Bazaar was a great success! Thank you to everyone who helped with the tea and bazaar and to all those who bought tickets and bazaar items. Together we raised over \$1,500 for our church and community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY



Sunday, May 31st is Christian Education Sunday, Bible Presentation to 4th & 12th Graders, and Honoring Our Graduating High School Seniors.

CE Sunday we will be thanking our Sunday School teachers—if you have taught this Fall or Spring school year, we want to honor you! The last day of Sunday School will be May 31st. June 7th will be a Chapel Circle for Communion, and June 14th the Interest Centers begin.

The CE and Youth Committees will be presenting Bibles to our 4th graders and graduating seniors. This year Lydia and Rachel will be creating Bible bookmarks using favorite passages from several church members. We'll be presenting the Bibles during the church service on May 31st, so please mark your calendar for this special service.



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

Family Camp

SEPT 4-5-6, 2015

AT CAMP CAZADERO

Registration forms are available in this newsletter, online at <http://www.uccseb.org/docs/FamilyCamp2015.pdf> or in the church office.

Youth News

June 2015

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

June 6th-8th Mini-Mission Trip for Middle School Youth to Fresno for a number of service projects

June 11-14 NCNC Annual Gathering at Sonoma State

June 14th Senior High Mission Trip Commissioning in Worship at 10:30 am

June 20-27th High School Mission Trip to Koinonia Farm in Americus, GA – the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity

WANTED: MADD CAMP COUNSELORS

All youth (entering 6th -12th grade) are invited to become a MADD Camp Counselor. MADD Camp is July 6-10 from 9-12:30. Counselors will need to be at MADD Camp from 8:15 am to -1pm every day. Find out more at an informational meeting on Sunday, June 14 from Noon-2 pm, in the Youth Lounge. There will be a final planning meeting on Sunday, July 5 from 4-6 pm. Questions? Contact Lydia at 823-2484 ext 104 or by email: LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org.

Its going to be a **Treasure Hunt!**

Adults are also needed to help with snacks each day and to help supervise other areas during the MADD Camp week. Give Lydia a call if you can help.



REV NELSON'S STUDY LEAVE

Rev Nelson will be out of town June 21st -26th attending a conference out of state.



Northern California Nevada Conference United Church of Christ

Summer Camps 2015

At Camp Cazadero

You & Me Camp (ENTERING GRADES K-3) **July 10-12**

You & Me Camp is a great experience for first-time campers! Go to camp with a parent, grandparent, favorite aunt/uncle or other adult! Each adult may bring up to 3 children, entering grades K through 3. Each child may bring up to 2 adults. Check out registration and special pricing at www.ncncucc.org

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 3-6) **July 19-25**

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 6-9) **July 26- Aug 1**

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) **July 12-18**

Counselor in Training (GRADE 12+) **July 19-25**

At Camp Tamarack

Junior/Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 5-8) **July 19-25**

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) **July 26-Aug 1**

Check www.ncncucc.org for more information and to download registration and health forms.

Apple Pie Scholarships are available for all our campers – call the church office to sign up to help at our Apple Pies event (Aug 6-9) and earn \$\$ for camp!

Community Church of Sebastopol's FAMILY CAMP:
September 4-5-6, 2015

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on all the fun!

MADD Camp for ages 4-10 here at the Community Church will be July 6-10. Watch for more information!



MISSION & OUTREACH

The group does not meet during the months of June and July, but outreach activities continue year-round. In August the group meets for a potluck picnic at Ragle Ranch Park on August 24 at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share, your own table setting and a jacket!

Become part of something big – join the Committee for Mission & Outreach! Call Joyce Cox 829-0750 to find out more.

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.

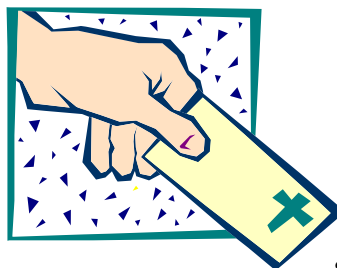
ROSELAND CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Mission & Outreach has pledged \$500 to help sponsor the Roseland Cup Soccer Tournament to be held this fall. The event was borne out of community friction and brings together police officers and southwest Santa Rosa youth for a day-long soccer tournament, comradery, food and special activities.

In addition to a monetary contribution, your help is also needed on the day of the event – watch for more information from Mission & Outreach in the next newsletter.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We had one of the largest collections in many years – more than \$3300. Thank you for your support!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

After a very positive month financially in March, the financial news for the church was not so good in April. Our spending exceeded operating receipts

by \$8000, meaning we finished the month with an operating deficit of \$16,665. Not a great way to begin the summer months. Pledge income was significantly down, leaving us \$3200 below our budget projections. Plate income and income from facilities use were also below projections. Good news is that expenses from the operating fund remain over \$3000 below projections, but this has not been able to offset our lower than expected income. Hopefully May can be a bounce-back month.

Apple Pies Event AUGUST 6-7-8-9, 2015



Mark your calendar for this fun multi-generational event August 6-9 as we prepare and bake over 1500 Gravenstein apple pies for the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Not only is this event fun, but all proceeds fund our camp scholarships for youth camps and Family Camp at Camp Cazadero.

NEW LIFE FOR YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES

Those old eyeglasses in your junk drawer are a great gift to someone in Mexico or South America through the **Lions In Sight** collection program.



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

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

GRADUATING IN 2015

Congratulations to our 2015 High School Graduates! **Dakota Blackstone**, daughter of Tami Hinckley and Keith Blackstone, will graduate from El Molino and is headed to Humboldt State; **Henry Feige**, son of Bill & Roberta Feige and nephew of Joanne Feige, will graduate from El Molino High School. **Quinn Halleck**, son of Jennifer Halleck, graduates from Analy and will be attending film school in the fall. **Lucas Trevino**, son of Michella & Antonio Trevino, graduates from Analy and will attend UC Davis. Also graduating from High School is **Grace McNamara**, daughter of Lana McNamara. **Riley Yaylian**, son of Sohni & Gregg Yaylian graduates from UC Davis with a Masters in Material Science. **Anne (Nestor) Nelson**, daughter of Susan Nestor, wife of Mark Nelson and mother of three young children and step mother to Nathan, graduated from Sonoma State with a Bachelor's Degree in Bio Chemistry. **Cathryn Rowlands**, granddaughter of Martha Rowlands, graduated from the Art Institute of Sacramento; **Caitlyn Eby McKenzie**, granddaughter of Marna McKenzie, is graduating Summa Cum Laude from the School of Nursing, University of SF. **Conner Halleck**, son of Jennifer Halleck, our church bookkeeper, graduated from NYU School of Film & Television with an emphasis on Animation; **Erin Butterfield**, daughter of Ann Butterfield & Linda Inman, graduated from Simmons College, majoring in Political Science and two minors in Sociology and Women's & Gender Studies. Erin is now in Zambia with the Peace Corps for 27 months. **Elliot Butterfield**, son of Ann Butterfield & Linda Inman, graduated from NYU and has already started as an Analyst with the Selig Group in Manhattan. **Christine Chandler**, daughter of Josephine and Dave Weigel, graduated from Orton School of Business, at the University of Pennsylvania, with a MBA in Finance. **Danelle Wilson**, daughter of Diana and Edwin Wilson and granddaughter of Barbara Wilson, graduated from Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctorate of Osteopathy and will complete her residency at UCSF Fresno in Pediatrics. And **Lydia Mulkey**, our Youth Director, graduated from Seminary at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

Congratulations to all our graduates! And if we missed your name, please let us know so we can add our congratulations next month!



Music Art Dance Discovery MADD Vacation Bible Camp Treasure Hunt!

July 6-10 from 9 am to 12:30 pm for ages 4-10

Sponsored by the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups at the Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC

Early bird registration before June 22 -\$115 per child

After June 22, \$125 per child or \$25 per day.

Ask about our sibling discount & scholarship information.

(No before or after care available.)

Registration forms available in the church office or

www.uccseb.org.

love through music, art, dance and discovery. Join our Treasure Hunt July 6 through July 10. 9:00-12:30 every day!



- ★ Dress up days
- ★ Dancing
- ★ Singing,
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Fun discoveries

And on Friday, a fun MADD Camp presentation for the whole family to enjoy. Call the Community Church at 823-2484 ext. 100 or office@uccseb.org with questions.

MADD CAMP
MUSIC ART DANCE & DISCOVERY
Vacation Bible Camp
It's a Treasure Hunt!

JULY 6-10, 2015



A BIG Thank you to our garden workers: Barbara Whitson, Marna McKenzie, Bob Holland, Marilyn Foster, Sharon Olson, Harry Sullivan, Jeff Pearce, Keith Blackstone and Gene Nelson, Sr.

The Garden Party managed to get a great deal of work done, including cutting the bamboo along the west fence (and hauling it away), clearing the driveway corner to make for better visibility, and clearing the area along Danmar.

Thank you to Denelle, Gary and Nick Tognozzi for designing and installing our new shade cloth in the courtyard. The shade is a welcome relief on hot days and the entire look transforms the courtyard – especially at night!

Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers from the 2014-2015 school year: Jamie Malone, Kathy Bell, Mary McMillon, Laurie Mitchell, Andie Polley, Annie Nelson, Paula Berndt, Debbie McCallum, Laura Jame, Pam Ammondson, Josephine Weigel. Also many thanks to the youth helpers in the younger classes: Lorna Loch, Ben Rasmus, and Drew Thomas.

And Jean Boal called to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and good wishes – she reports that she is feeling better and appreciates all of your healing prayers.

June 28

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Right here at the Community Church in our beautiful courtyard with our fountain and shade cloth! Games and fun crafts for the kids in Memorial Hall, the Community Band, homemade ice cream, salad, BBQ and more! We ask you to bring a side dish, drinks or dessert to share. And we can always use help – contact Karin in the church office.



COME JOIN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

We have a wonderful and caring set of teachers leading our children every Sunday. You could join us! If you're interested in teaching Sunday School, we will offer training in both Godly Play and Joyful Path. The commitment is for a block of classes, usually 6 lessons with Communion Sundays off. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School in the 2015-2016 school year, please contact Rachel Knuth.



IN TRANSITION... OUR NEXT STEPS

The Transition Committee has met now three times, including an hour-long meeting by phone with Drew Nettinga, the associate Conference Minister.

While the scope of our assignment is to look at ALL issues as they might relate to the transition process, our initial focus is on identifying a plan and general timeline for the next year that we can present to the Church Council. Our starting point is Gene's retirement at the end of April 2016, and we work the plan back from that date.

The First Congregational Church of Berkeley is in a similar transition process with the retirement of their long-time minister. They are in the final selection phase, so they are some months ahead of us and can serve as a valuable model for our planning process. We continue our research this week with committee members talking with folks from the First Berkeley church about their process and lessons learned.

We expect to bring a proposal to the May 27th Church Council meeting outlining a general plan and timeline for the coming year. Our recommendation to the Council will be to accept the proposal at the May meeting, and then spend the next few weeks presenting it to the congregation for review and discussion. We would make adjustments to the plan as needed based on input during this period and then ask the Church Council for final approval at the June meeting. Check for updates at: <http://www.uccseb.org/TransitionTeam.php>

Transition Team members include Chair Dan Rasmus, past Moderator Jane Huneke, current Moderator Chris Dawson, 2016 Moderator Joyce Cox, Board of Trustees Chair Roger Wilson and Kathy Bell.

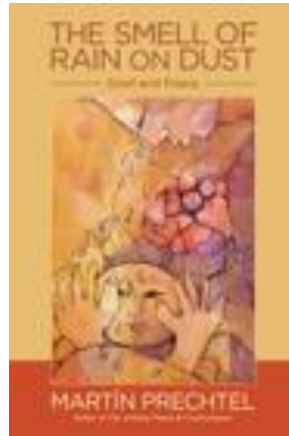
THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND COPPERFIELD'S BOOKS PRESENT

MARTÍN PRECHTEL

Saturday, June 20, 2015 - 7:00pm

The Smell of Rain on Dust

at the Community Church of Sebastopol,
1000 Gravenstein Hwy N. in Sebastopol



Inspiring hope, solace, and courage in living through our losses, author Prechtel, trained in the Tzutujil Maya shamanic tradition, shares profound insights on the relationship between grief and praise in our culture--how the inability that many of us have to grieve the dead is deeply linked with the inability to give praise for living.

Books will be available for purchase. RSVP to this event (optional) and receive 10% off the featured book:
<http://www.copperfieldsbooks.com/event/mart%C3%ADn-prechtel>
All are invited to this free event.



Happy Father's Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Members-at-Large: Your Church Council Representatives

Irma Bachelor (829-5485), 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 attention of the Council, one of the Members-at-Large can help you out. Look for their bright red "Member at Large" name badge.



NORTH BAY ORGANIZING PROJECT

Invites you to our Fundraiser Dance Party Celebration!

Noche Sabrosa!



SATURDAY, JULY 18 ♦ 5-10 PM

Community Church of Sebastopol • Memorial Hall

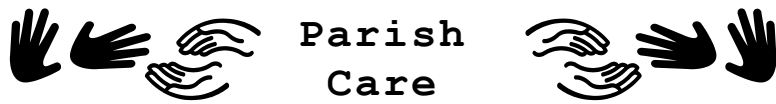
\$30-\$70 ticket (sliding scale)

includes delicious food & dancing

MUSIC BY LOS RITMILOS & DJ

SILENT AUCTION

Information: 707.494.8451 or visit: NorthBayOP.org



SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED

Participating in our Parish Care group offers each of us a way to give a gift to our church community by helping those in need of a helping hand. It also provides a resource for those within our church family. Volunteers are comprised of members and friends of the Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC.

There will be one formal meeting a year for volunteer sign-ups with additional sign-ups through our church bulletin. You will be called upon to occasionally provide a service in the area of your interest, to someone near the location of your home.

THIS WILL NOT BE A TIME CONSUMING COMMITMENT AND THERE ARE NO MEETINGS TO ATTEND!

Process: When a call for assistance comes into the church office, that call would be directed to the Topic Coordinator. The Coordinator would check our Parish Care Volunteer Bank and contact volunteers in the area to arrange a helping hand as needed. The Topic Coordinator would be in touch with the individual or family to get details and make the arrangements for the service needed.

If you are in need of help or know someone who is, or would like to become a Parish Care volunteer, please contact Barbara Whitson at 707-322-2012 or the church office at 823-2484.

The main emphasis of Parish Care services are:

Visiting Home visits for those who cannot attend church services

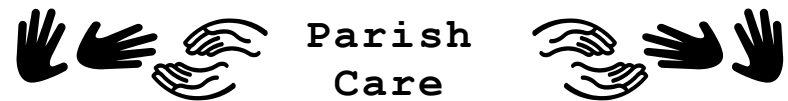
Transportation to church services and events, medical appointments, grocery shopping

Food, dinners following a hospital stay, or if ill at home, food shop-

ping for the individual

Miscellaneous simple cell phone, computer help, pet help or ?

More Helping Hands – you can also add your name to a list of persons in our church family who are willing to offer services for hire: handyman, gardening, house cleaning, house painting, window washing, house sitting, etc. Contact Barbara Whitson to add your name to our Helping Hand: Services for Hire, at 707-322-2012



VOLUNTEER BANK SIGN-UP

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Volunteer Areas (please circle your areas of interest)

1. **Visiting** (when someone is ill, or cannot attend church services)
2. **Provide Transportation:** to church services; to church events; to medical appointments; for grocery shopping
3. **Food:** provide a dinner when ill, dinner after hospital stay
or
to a bereaved family
4. **Miscellaneous** (provide help with cell phone use/set up or simple computer help, pet help or _____)

Area of Residence (please circle)

North Sebastopol West Sebastopol South Sebastopol
Central Sebastopol West Santa Rosa East Santa Rosa
Other _____

More Helping Hands – Services for Hire

If someone in our church family offers these services for hire, please provide contact information and services available.

Name _____ Phone _____

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____ Baby sitting ____ House sitting ____ Pet sitting ____ Gardening

____ Bookkeeping ____ Correspondence ____ Handyman

____ House painting ____ House cleaning ____ Window washing

Other _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

For any questions, please contact Barbara Whitson at 322-2012



Children's Summer Interest Program

COME GROW WITH GOD!

Every non-communion Sunday this summer, we will have two summer interest centers. One center is specifically designed for our younger children, ages 3-5 and the other is for our older children, ages 6-11. Please let me know which age group and which Sunday works best for you to volunteer or help supervise.

Following our theme: *Move with God*, based on Acts 17:28a "*In God we live and move and have our being*," possible activities for volunteers to lead might include dance, relay races, building Hot Wheels or marble tracks, kite making, labyrinth walk, alternative energy sources, etc. Come move with us!

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

_____ I will be a leader for _____ ages 3-5 _____ ages 6-11

_____ I am available to help another leader

Please circle the date(s) you are available and return this form to the church office or leave in the collection plate on Sunday.

June 14	June 21	June 28	
July 12	July 19	July 26	
August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30



During the summer months, the various church choirs and music groups take time off. Thus, there is no one scheduled to provide music during worship from June 14 until September 13 when we officially launch the new church year.

This provides everyone in the congregation a chance to help shape worship for at least one summer Sunday. The music can be instrumental or choral, traditional or something new. It's a chance to show how a different style of music might support the worship experience.

Fill in the form below and drop it off in the collection plate or the church office, or see the sign up sheet in the church office. Or you may call Karin to add your name to the list at 823-2484 ext 100.



Yes! I want to provide special music one Sunday during the summer!

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please circle the Sunday you would like to reserve:

June 14	June 21	June 28		
July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	
August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
September 6				

Apple Pie Time!

August 6-7-8-9

Our biggest fund raiser of the year, the Apple Pies Event, is right around the corner – August 6-7-8-9! Each year, and for more than 40 years, The Community Church of Sebastopol has made up to 2000 pies for the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Fair. Money raised is used to fund camp scholarships, providing our youth with a great summer experience and help to offset costs for our Family Camp at Camp Caz.

Everyone can lend a hand, no matter what your age or abilities, from the youngest to the oldest. Join us for this wonderful multigenerational event as we prepare and bake hundreds of apple pies.

Sign me up for the Apple Pies Event! By signing up and marking my date/time slot below, I will mark that on my calendar – and barring any emergency, I will be there for my designated shift!
I realize I will not get a phone call reminder.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

____ **Thursday** Eve., slicing apples 5-9 PM ____ **Thursday** Eve., Set-up 5-9 PM

Friday, slicing & making pies: 7AM-Noon _____ or Noon-5PM _____
 (BBQ Hot Dog lunch served Friday & Saturday at noon)

Saturday, slicing & making pies: 7AM-Noon _____ or Noon-5PM _____
 (BBQ Hot Dog lunch served Friday & Saturday at noon)

Sunday, slicing, bagging & making pies: 8AM- Noon _____

Sunday Cleanup ____ 10 AM-2PM



Baking volunteers (these volunteers will be called & scheduled by the head baker to cover shifts)

____ Friday baking ____ Saturday baking

Selling volunteers (these volunteers will be called & scheduled by the head of sales to cover shifts)

____ Saturday selling ____ Sunday selling

Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection plate or bring to the church office. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 823-2484 or send an email to: office@uccseb.org.



Rachel Knuth, our Children's Program Director, will work her final Sunday on June 7 and then return to us on August 23. Her position as Children's Program Director was designed to cover from late August for preparations for Launch Sunday, through the Sunday School year. Although we will see Rachel and her family for Sunday worship, please be respectful of the fact that she is currently not on staff. Over the summer, the Children's Messages will be presented by Lydia, Gene and Brian.

Our UCC Golden Gate Association and the Conference have already approved Rachel's position for ordination pending call. As this newsletter goes to print, a Letter of Call has been prepared for Rachel, calling her as Minister of Children and Families for our church.

On May 31 a congregational meeting will be held following worship for the purpose of calling Rachel as our Minister of Children and Families. If Rachel receives a positive vote, we will move toward an ordination service on Sunday, August 30th.

So when Rachel returns in the fall to our staff, it is very likely she will return as an ordained minister and would continue in her current position – 15 hours a week.

Lydia Mulkey, our Youth Director, graduated from Pacific School of Religion on May 24th. Following graduation, Lydia will be working more hours at the church in June and July and she will also lead our Senior Mission Trip to Georgia from June 20th to 27th, work with Rachel in planning and leading our summer children's MADD camp from July 6th to 10th, and will serve as Chaplain at the Senior High Camp at Cazadero from July 12th to 18th.

Beginning on August 10th, she will start a three-month Clinical Pastoral Care program at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Vallejo. This will occupy most of her time during the week, so during those months, she will be in Sebastopol on Sundays only. She will continue to participate in worship and provide leadership to our junior and senior high programs. This clinical program is a requirement she must fulfill in order to be ordained.

When the clinical program is completed, Lydia will begin the final steps toward ordination, which hopefully will happen early in 2016, in the Southern California Conference of the UCC, where her home church is located. Thus, looking ahead to 2016, the plan is to prepare a letter of call, have a congregational meeting and "officially" call Lydia as the Associate Pastor of The Community Church. We would then proceed with a service of installation in our church.

Thus, early in 2016 we could have two talented, newly ordained ministers on our church staff!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Adult & Middle School Mission Trip Commissioned Christian Education Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group	1	2 Election Day	3 9:45 AM Men's Discussion Group	4 11:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Summer Picnic 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	5 10:00 AM UkeStars 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal	6 Adult Mission Trip Middle School Mini Mission Trip 4:00 PM Hinckley-Adamo Wedding
7 Adult Mission Trip Middle School Mission Trip Music Appreciation Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Interest Centers	8 Adult Mission Trip Middle School Mini Mission Trip	9 Adult Mission Trip	10 Adult Mission Trip 9:45 AM Men's Discussion Group	11 Adult Mission Trip NCNC-UCC Conference at SSU 7:00 PM Grief Group	12 Adult Mission Trip NCNC-UCC Conference at SSU 10:00 AM UkeStars	13 Adult Mission Trip NCNC-UCC Conference at SSU 8:40 AM Between Women 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch
14 NCNC-UCC Conference at SSU Sr. High Mission Trip Commissioned 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Interest Centers	15	16	17 9:45 AM Men's Discussion Group 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	18 7:00 PM Grief Group	19 10:00 AM UkeStars	20 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip
21 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Interest Centers	22 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip	23 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip	24 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip 9:45 AM Men's Discussion Group 7:00 PM Church Council	25 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip 7:00 PM Grief Group	26 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip 10:00 AM UkeStars	27 Sr. High Youth Mission Trip
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28 All-Church Picnic 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Interest Centers	29	30	1 9:45 AM Men's Discussion Group	2 7:00 PM Grief Group	3 10:00 AM UkeStars	4 

