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Beginning Ministry Together

By Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister

This month, we begin a new program year in the life of our congregation. A new year brings a new pastor, new leadership, new participants, new perspectives, new emphases. As the new pastor in the mix, everything about this congregation is new to me – new people, new traditions, new colleagues, new environs, and many new names.

Even this congregation's mission statement is new to me, and I love it:

To worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ, teaching the message of Jesus to all ages, and putting our faith into action.

I love that the mission statement of this church begins with worshipping God. Worship means gathering to acknowledge that God is God, and we are not. Our worship is our response to God's presence in our lives, a presence which can be both comforting and disturbing. In the mission statement, worshipping God is linked to sharing the love of Jesus Christ, a love which is always bold, challenging, raw, and radically inclusive.

The second part of the mission statement claims that the vocation of this church is to be a teaching ministry to people of all ages, which means our purpose is to share Jesus' message with people of every age and life stage. In other words, we are intentionally a multi-generational school of faith formation. Finally, our mission is about putting our faith into action. We are called to embody our Christian faith in the world, throughout the week, in the various settings of our lives.

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As a newcomer to this congregation, let me just say that when I read this mission statement I think, "These people are speaking my language. Yes, let's do this, let's fulfill this bodacious mission."

At the outset, I want to share the 3 BHAG's with you (BHAG = Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal) that I think we should concentrate upon this fall:

1. **To invite and inspire every member and friend of the church to participate in the 2017 ministry of our congregation by making a generous financial pledge during the Stewardship Campaign.**
2. **Beginning on Launch Sunday, to fully support our children's and youth programs with trained adults who understand that these ministries are central to our life as a congregation.**
3. **Following the leadership of the Church Council, to identify *specific* ministry priorities for the coming year (2017) in the categories of worship, education, pastoral care, and mission.**

The work of our church is precious, irreplaceable work. Our ministry literally saves lives – bereaved people find companionship here, people experiencing homelessness receive kindness and vital services, questioning people find a safe place to explore, people of all ages find a community that values them. This is the ministry that is both familiar and new, the ministry we begin again this year with renewed energy, purpose, and vision. Bring it on!

Pastor Ben



Scripture & Sermons September 2016

***September 4* MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORSHIP**

While Family Camp participants worship at Camp Caz, Rev. Rachel Knuth, Children's Minister, holds down the mothership, preaching and celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion to which all ages are invited to participate.

***September 11* LAUNCH SUNDAY**

Today we launch the ministry program year of our congregation. Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent preaches a sermon on the parable of the lost coin in Luke 15:1-10 entitled "Sweeping the House to Find It."



***September 18* 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on the parable of the Unjust Manager in Luke 16:1-13 entitled "The Worst Parable, Like, Ever."

***September 25* 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST MISSION SUNDAY**

Participants in this summer's Adult Mission Trip share their experiences and Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:19-31 entitled "Hell Is Hearing the Gospel and then Not Doing It."

Dear Church Friends,

Our greatest thanks to all for your love and care for Tom and our whole family, throughout the long years of this journey with him and his Alzheimer's Disease, and then recently during his passing. Your support has given us grace, helping hands, gentle caregiving, and of course laughter when we needed it! We couldn't have made it through the many seasons of change with such love without you... thank you for lifting and holding up our hearts in peace.

We are very grateful to the many special helpers for his memorial service who created a true celebration of life in story and song, and for the reception with amazing friends. Thank you for the kind words and memories, lovely cards, food and flowers, plus memorial gifts to the church in Tom's honor. Continued thanks to our current church staff, and also former staff members, for years of tender care. Thank you dear church for being such wonderful friends to Tom and for carrying him with the strength of this community. With deep gratitude,
The Larssen Family

OFFICE NEWS

Office Manager Karin Seder will be on vacation starting September 7, returning to the office on September 28. In her absence Nancy Shimetz will provide office coverage along with Joyce Cox and Joanne Matson.

Karin and her husband, Brad, will be traveling with other family members to Italy to visit a niece and then to France for a special ceremony honoring Brad's great aunt, the first women killed while serving in WWII. Great Aunt Aleda, a combat flight nurse, (1st Lieutenant, US Army Nurse Corps) flew in almost 200 evacuation sorties and was killed when her plane crashed in France due to bad weather. She is one of the most highly decorated military woman to date and the only woman buried at the the Rhone American Miletary Cemetery in France. More information on Aleda

E. Lutz can be found at:

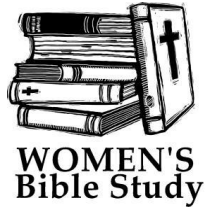
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Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume on September 14 at 10 am in the Fireside Room. We will begin with a study of the story of Herodias and her daughter from Mark's Gospel; then move into the contemporary connection with a viewing and discussion of the film, *One True Thing*. Beginning in October we will spend time studying the Biblical concept of peace and non-violence, supplementing scripture with the book, *Practicing Peace* by Catherine Whitmire.

All women are invited to join the group. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



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!



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 _____

APPLE PIES EVENT REPORT

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?? WE DID IT AGAIN!



Another year, and another round of Apple Pies – this year we made 1,732 pies as compared to 1,464 Gravenstein apple pies last year. Thanks to all our help – you really came through and did such a terrific job, we finished peeling apples and making pies at 2 pm on Saturday! We sold out of pies at the fair and from Memorial Hall by 4 pm on Sunday. As soon as we have all the bills paid, we will have a net total to report and add to our camp scholarship fund. **Great Job!**

If you have any feedback for our committee or if you have ideas, you can write a note and put it in the Apple Pie mailbox in the church office. There is always room for improvement. And if you would like to join the Apple Pie Committee (no meetings!) and have a leadership role next year email Kathy at KBellnow@yahoo.com. There will be an Apple Pie De-briefing meeting at Family Camp, after lunch on Saturday.

Our Apple Pies scholarships sent 41 youth to camp this summer, some for their very first camp experience! The Community Church is the largest supporter of the church camping program for youth at Camp Caz. And we're not done yet – our Family Camp (Sept. 2-4) also benefits from our Apple Pie scholarships. If sleeping in cabins, on bunk beds is not for you, we do have a Saturday only rate for those who want to come up to play for the day and meet our Senior Pastor and his family – Ben, Brooke, Marin and Sophia.



Thanks again to our Pie Committee: Kathy Bell & Kathy Matthies – Co-Chairs; Lloyd Lerum - the Apple Guy; Ellen Stillman & Paula Berndt - Kitchen Supervisors; Judy Peterson – Fair Booth Coordinator; Lori Babcock & Pat Furber - Fellowship Hall Supervisors; Bobbie Johanson & Tami Hinckley - Memorial Hall Supervisors; Andy DelMonte – Baker Organizer. Thanks to all our peelers and pie makers, bakers, sellers and drivers – it takes everyone's help to make this event the success it is.

In September at church, we resume many of the regular activities that have had a summer hiatus. Music is no exception. After several summer months of varied and wonderful soloists and ensembles, we will return to rehearsals for our regular groups. Even if you have not enjoyed being part of one of these groups in the past, you are invited to consider joining one of them now.

The **Chancel Choir** rehearses Thursday evenings at 7:15, starting September 1. An adult voice and a desire to sing are all that is needed to join. Stop by rehearsal on Thursday evenings or call the Minister of Music Brian Plaugher at 869-9120 or send an email to: brian.plaugher@gmail.com.

The **Bell Choir** rehearses Wednesday evenings at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary and usually performs in worship once a month. Can you count? Then you can learn to play bells! New ringers are always welcome. Karna can be reached at (707) 328-4905 or karnamarie@yahoo.com.

Our youngest group, the **Children's Choir**, is for kids ages 6 to 11. They rehearse most Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Choir Room and will begin practice on September 11. Lydia Mulkey will be the Children's Choir Director and she can be reached at LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org.

Vicki Reno is leading a ukulele group, the **UkeStars**, who meet in Fellowship Hall on Fridays from 10-11:30 AM. For more information contact Vicki at 827-3668 or VReno@comcast.net.

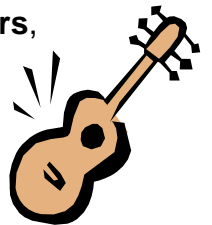
I am always interested in trying new expressions of music and changes to our musical mix are always possible. Please give me a call if you have any questions 869-9120 or send an email to: brian.plaugher@gmail.com.

Brian Plaugher, Minister of Music

MUSIC



MINISTRY



SEPTEMBER



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| 2 Mary McMillon | 17 Calla Burton |
| Scott Russell | Katy Nestor |
| 3 Sophia Broadbent-Bell | Christian Wilson |
| 4 Greg Davis | 19 Reena Burton |
| 5 Lorin McClendon | 20 Max Hildago |
| Kris Stoll | 21 Tyler Kalemba |
| 6 Brittany Robert | Judy Hawkins |
| 7 Jane Huneke | 22 Adrienne Sopinski |
| Karna Dawson | Gregory Nichols |
| Lydia Mulkey | 23 Carleen Madsen |
| 8 Walt Taddeucci | Mark Murakami |
| Catherine Reznik | 25 Celeste Albin |
| 9 Renee Murakami | Zoe Bachelor |
| 10 Gregg Yaylian | Jim Furber Dobson |
| 11 Mary Felton | Andy Junge |
| 13 Kathy Bell | 26 Alicia Petersen |
| Brandon Buckley-Cutting | Drew Thomas |
| 14 Fran Rasmus | 27 Clifford Bright |
| Troy Holland | 29 Edwin Wilson |
| 15 Bob Thomas | Jonah Knuth |
| Henry Knuth | 30 Carmen Yeager |
| 16 Diana Taddeucci | |
| Josh Hovden | |



International Crafts Sale

October 2 & 9 in the Courtyard

Mission & Outreach will present our annual International Craft Sale in the courtyard after church on Sunday, October 2 and also on October 9. Two Sundays to find handcraft items from Third World artisans, distributed by Ten Thousand Villages, for you to purchase. Ten Thousand Villages is an organization of the Mennonite Central Committee that pays artisans a fair market value for their wares that are sold by churches and other non-profit agencies. As a mission project, our Mission & Outreach Committee will sell the craft items and return all of the proceeds to Ten Thousand Villages. Please join us after church on October 2 & 9 to shop for these wonderful items for family friends, and yourself!



MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Irma Bachelor (707-829-5485), Mary Coleman (707-861-9444), Marian McDonald (707-338-5156) and Marna McKenzie (505-660-1725) are the Members-at-Large to the Church Council for this year. If you have any issues you would like brought to the Council's attention, one of the Members-at-Large can help you out. Look for their bright red "Member at Large" name badge on Sunday mornings.



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: _____



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Fireside Room at 7 pm. The next meeting is Monday, September 12. Become part of something big – join the Committee for Mission & Outreach! Call Joyce Cox 829-0750.

SATURDAY TABLE

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

- ❖ *Cash and check can be made out to the Community Church and designated for the homeless lunch*
- ❖ *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*
- ❖ *Packaged toothbrushes & toothpaste*
- ❖ *Hand sanitizer, Chapstick, insect repellent and sun screen*
- ❖ *"Baby Wipes" or similar product*

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.

SNACK BAGS

Mission & Outreach invites you to participate in our Snack Bag program where we provide snack items to those who might not know where their next meal is coming from. Single servings of crackers, peanut butter, juice, tuna, canned fruit and other snack items, can be brought to the church office. Something as small as a jar of peanut butter can make a tremendous difference in someone's day.



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.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

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.

LISTENING DEVICE AVAILABLE



Did you know we have available for your use, a listening device to help enhance the sounds and voices speaking in church? Just ask an usher for a listening device and they will show you how it works. You can sit in any of the pews and the listening device will improve the sound quality for persons who may be hard of hearing. Give it a try!

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.

Youth News

September 2016

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

Welcome Back Youth Groups!

We have a lot of catching up to do with each other – I can't wait to see you! Bring a friend to join us – the more the merrier!

And have you met Pastor Ben yet? September 11 is Launch Sunday, the perfect opportunity to come to church and meet the new guy. He may surprise you!



September 11 Youth Lounge
Scavenger Hunt & Games!

4 PM Middle School Hang Out

★ 4:30 -6 PM Gathering

6 PM High School Hang Out

★ 6:30 -8 PM Gathering

September 18 Youth Lounge
Potluck Party!

Bring something to share with the group.

4 PM Middle School Hang Out

★ 4:30 -6 PM Gathering

6 PM High School Hang Out

★ 6:30 -8 PM Gathering



September 25 Youth Lounge
Movie Night!

We need to get the movie started early – so instead of getting here to 'hang out', we will get right to the movie at 4 and 6.

★ 4-6 PM Middle School Movie Night ★

★ 6-8 PM Sr. High Movie Night ★



ROSELAND CUP III - OCTOBER 1

Mission & Outreach Committee is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Roseland Cup, an all-day soccer tournament on Saturday, October 1 at Elsie Allen High School.

Like last year, Mission & Outreach will be soliciting volunteers to help during the event and seeking cash donations to help cover event expenses. We have an anonymous donor willing to match up to \$500 of donations received! Look for the Roseland Cup III table in the courtyard after worship in September to pledge your support for this outreach effort.

This special soccer tournament event is designed to strengthen relationships between local youth and law enforcement through sports. Each team will consist of area youth with at least one law enforcement officer – the possibilities for open dialogue and building trust are boundless! Last year, young soccer players learned more about law enforcement and officers were able to schedule ride-along opportunities with the youth, creating the chance for even more dialogue.



The event will include free food, music, and raffle prizes throughout the day, with a grand prize drawing following the final game. Last year our church sponsored teams played in the final game, displaying a high level of skill, and taking home the trophy! Two celebrity soccer players will be on hand again to mingle with the players and guests – ask Suzanne White about the autographed jersey she scored from world cup soccer great Edwin Tenorio!

South West Santa Rosa is in our 5th Supervisorial District, and part of our larger community. Your support for this outreach effort to an area of our community that has often been overlooked will be much appreciated. The dialogue and trust that can come from an event of this type can go a long way to build communications between youth, their families and law enforcement.



NEW MEMBER CLASS SEPTEMBER 25

We want to extend an invitation to all our visitors to learn more about the Community Church of Sebastopol, United Church of Christ and church membership.

There will be an informational meeting with a simple lunch after church on September 25 in our Media Room to find out more about the Community Church and what it means to become a member.

Please contact us by September 19 if you plan to attend and let us know if you need childcare: 823-2484 ext.100 or office@uccseb.org.

New Members will be received into the church on October 9.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations.



Here at the Community Church we will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2 with breads from around the world. And following worship you have the opportunity to support artisans from around the world as Mission & Outreach sponsors the International Crafts Sale with all monies collected returned to the Mennonite Central Committee that pays artisans a fair market value for their wares. We hope you will join us for World Communion Sunday on October 2



Musical Celebration

September 10

Celebrate the Music Ministry of Darryl Fenley with us on Saturday, September 10, here at the Community Church with a special musical benefit. The concert is at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.

We all enjoy Darryl's magic on the keyboard and even more so when we have some very talented voices to blend with the music! Andy DelMonte, Lizann Bassham, Ben Broadbent, Sara Margulis, Lydia Mulkey, the Chancel Choir and more will be on hand to provide some sweet sounds, singing many of Darryl's favorite tunes and some of your favorites too. And how about a sing-a-long or two!

Although Darryl is facing some tough health challenges right now, he has bounced back – and wants to give back to the church community who have supported him and continue to support him with love and prayers and well wishes.

Sanctuary doors open at 2:30 pm. Refreshments will be served following the concert. There will be a free will offering, with all proceeds to go towards medical costs not covered by Darryl's insurance. No one will be turned away for lack of funds – everyone and all ages are welcome!



LAUNCH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Sunday, September 11th, we will celebrate our Launch Sunday – the day we “launch” our new program year! Choirs will return to worship, the fall church school program will begin and following worship we will celebrate with the traditional “launching” of bubbles in the courtyard with music, along with a Salad Bar Launch Lunch* in Memorial Hall. Please join us and bring a friend to help up launch our new church year and the beginning of a new ministry here at the Community Church with our Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent.



*If you have salad veggies available from your garden, please contact Kathy Matthies at 758-3910. Please bring them washed and prepared, ready for the Launch Lunch Salad Bar!

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.



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!



Death

Natalie Belew passed away on July 6, 2016. A celebration of her life was held on July 30 in Faith Chapel, officiated by Rev. Plaughter. For the past forty years Natalie was involved in many aspects of the church, from her participation in Women's Fellowship to Choir and Handbells. Please keep Natalie's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Mabel Nichols, age 97, mother of Curt Nichols, passed away on August 15 at her home in Santa Rosa. A memorial service is planned for September 17 at 11 am in Faith Chapel. Please hold the Nichols family in your prayers.

Walter Kauwe, son of Corrine Kauwe, passed away on August 15 after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Corrine and all the Kauwe family in your thoughts and prayers. No services are planned at this time.

Births

Olivia Anna Wilson, daughter of Philip and Sarah Wilson and the granddaughter of Roger and Babetta Wilson, was born on June 28 in Santa Monica. Olivia weighed 8 lbs 4 oz and everyone is home and healthy.

Steven Ethan Polley arrived on August 13 to Stephani and Ben Polley of El Dorado Hills, California. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and measured 21". Steven is the 7th grandchild for Harry and Jean Polley – now standing at 4 boys and 3 girls.

Blessings and Congratulations to All

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**LAUNCH SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 11TH
WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

Open House 10:00-10:20 am

Dear Children! You and your family are invited to visit the Nursery & Sunday School rooms before church starts on September 11th. Come tour the rooms, meet our teachers, and visit the space so you feel comfortable transitioning into the new Sunday School year. Coffee (for adults) and snacks will be served in the courtyard

GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Godly Play storytellers tell Bible stories from the heart, using Montessori-style wooden pieces. The children and storyteller then wonder about the story together. Afterwards, children create self-directed art using the nice craft materials in the room. And they conclude with a small snack of Matzo and water.

- **Pre-School - Kindergarteners in Room 5**
- **1st - 3rd Graders in Room 6**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our upper elementary children follow a curriculum for Sunday School that encourages them to read from the Bible, creatively respond using art supplies, and discuss together with their teacher topics like Kindness, Responsibility, and Inclusion. This Fall the teachers will be using a combination of Joyful Path, Spark, and Deep Blue Kids materials to lead the class. Occasionally this group also joins in Godly Play.

- **4th - 5th Graders in Media Room**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER DEDICATION DURING WORSHIP

All adults involved in our Godly Play and Sunday School programs will be invited to participate in our dedication during the worship service on Launch Sunday, September 11th. Teachers will offer a flower (provided) to each child to welcome them to the Sunday School year.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN

Children of all ages are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families for Sunday worship. Nursery care is also available for children up to age 3. And we offer programs for children during most services, after the children's message.

Women's Fellowship

After a summer break, Women's Fellowship is ready to begin monthly meetings, programs and circles in September. All women of the church are invited to attend. 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 the wider community. Meetings and programs are held on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. Circles meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at a time and place to be announced. Please plan to join us this month!

Thursday, September 8

10 AM – Executive Board Meets in Women's Fellowship Office

10:30 Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall

11:15 Program in Fellowship Hall

Noon – Brown Bag Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Meet our new Senior Pastor the Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent

Thursday, September 22

Circles 1 and 2 meet - time and location to be announced



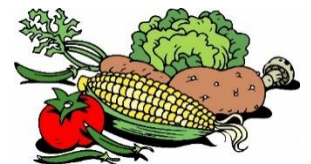
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Farmer's Market, Craft & Bake Sale
SEPTEMBER 18**

On September 18, following worship, the Women's Fellowship will offer a variety of crafts for sale in the courtyard as well as fresh produce from our local gardens and plants. Embroidered towels, handmade stationery, jams, jellies, baked goods and more will be available for you to purchase on September 18. Please be generous with your purchases as all proceeds will help Women's Fellowship continue their support of local outreach programs.



Fall
Arts & Crafts show &
Farmer's Market



☺ Thank YOU ☺ Thank YOU ☺ Thank YOU ☺ Thank YOU ☺



We have so much to be thankful for here at the Community Church – thank you to the Search and Transition Committees for all their hard work bringing our new pastor – the Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent and his family to our church. ☺ Thank

you to Andy DelMonte for spearheading the welcome reception on August 7 and thank you to everyone who came to worship on that Sunday – it was great to see a full house! ☺ Thank you to all – clergy and congregation – for your help during the summer transition – we made it! ☺ Thank you to our staff and all those who helped (and there were many) with our summer memorial services. ☺ Thank you to everyone who answered the call to volunteer at our Apple Pies event! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you – great job! ☺ Thank you to all our summer musicians for providing our special worship music each Sunday. ☺ Thank you to our Interest Center leaders for working with our children during the summer months. ☺ Thank you to the “J-Team” for painting the pastor's home – Joyce Cox, Jane Austin, Jane Huneke, Judy Peterson and John Henel and then moving to a church member's home to do some painting there. ☺ Thank you to Linda Roa, Dan Rasmus, Joyce Cox and Jane Huneke for a job well done painting the office and refinishing the pastor's desk. ☺ Thank you to office elves Joanne Matson & Janet Minton and Bobbie Johanson & Chris Jenkins for help in the office with collating and mailings. ☺ Thank you to our garden crew leaders Barbara Whitson and Bob Holland for keeping our campus in bloom! ☺ Thank you to Ben for answering our call.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

There is a new 2016 Church Directory available – look for the blue cover, in the church office and the narthex. And here is the first change to make to the new directory:

Harry & Jean Polley phone: 707.282.9487
8722 Oakmont Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRING YOU TO WONDER WITH CHILDREN?

GODLY PLAY STORYTELLERS AND DOORPERSONS

We are looking for 2 storytellers and 2 door people who can shepherd our church's children as they explore the stories of our faith. Storytellers tell a story and wonder about it, while holding a reverent space for the children to explore & express. Door people greet the children at the door, actively observe the circle time, and assist children who need more time to “get ready” to hear the story. If you feel called, we can equip you with skills! Please contact Rachel Knuth for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS

We are looking for Leaders and Assistants to teach Sunday School on a rotational basis with our 4th and 5th graders. A curriculum and materials will be provided—grab a friend and come lead a few classes!

*All adults involved with our church's children are required to pass a background check. See Rachel for details. Our Child Safety policy requires 2 adults be in a room with children at all times.

IT'S OFFICIAL: We Are Mortgage-Free at Last! **Free at Last! Thank God Almighty, Free at Last!**

On Sunday, August 7, Bobbie Johanson tore up the building campaign charts to hearty Hallelujahs and Amens from the congregation. Our Pilgrim Center and grounds are fully paid for and our church family lenders have been reimbursed.





Thank you to all who donated to make our dream building come to fruition and a big thank you to our anonymous donor who helped us reach our final goal on schedule. Now that we have paid off the mortgage, now you can think about directing funds to our operating budget.



Marge Holland deserves appreciation for faithfully serving as our Campaign Treasure for the last 6 years. She tracked and recorded all pledges and gifts and made sure our lenders got regular payments. Her conscientious attention was so important to our success. Special thanks also to Bobbie Johanson for her unfaltering faith in our ability to fund this fabulous edifice!

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Summer Interest Centers	29	30	31 4:45 PM Handbell Choir	1 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	2  Family Camp at Caz 10:00 AM UkeStars	3  Family Camp at Caz
4 Communion Sunday Family Camp  9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Summer Interest Centers	5  Church Office Closed for Labor Day	6	7 4:45 PM Handbell Choir	8 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 11:15 AM Women's Fellowship Program 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	9 10:00 AM UkeStars	10 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch 3 PM Darryl's Musical Celebration
11 LAUNCH SUNDAY 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 11:30 AM Launch Sunday Lunch 4:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	12 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	13	14 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Choir	15 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	16 10:00 AM UkeStars	17
18 Women's Fellowship Crafts & Farmer's Market 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	19	20	21 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	22 Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings - time TBA 7:00 PM CE Meeting 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	23 10:00 AM UkeStars	24
25 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 12:00 PM New Member Class 4:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	26	27	28 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Church Council	29 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	30 10:00 AM UkeStars	1 Roseland Cup III