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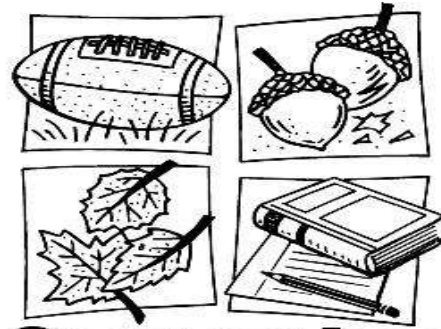


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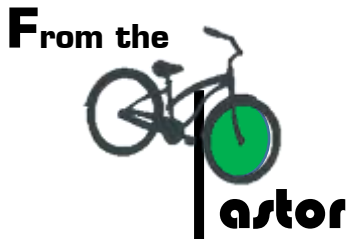
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We Make the Road By Walking

Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent

Writer Brian McLaren draws the title of his book, "We Make the Road By Walking," from a line by the great Spanish poet Antonio Machado: "Caminante, son tus huellas / el camino, y nada más; /caminante, no hay camino / se hace camino al andar." (My translation: *Walker, there are your footprints / the road, and nothing else; / walker, there is no road / the road is made by walking.*)

This program year – which begins on Launch Sunday, September 10 and runs through May 20 – we will be using McLaren's book as a congregation in a variety of ways. The subtitle is: "A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation." The book is available online through www.brianmclaren.net, and also by special order through our locally-owned Copperfield Books.

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From the Pastor.... Continued from front cover

McLaren provides 52 weekly reflections on scriptural passages and themes of Christian theology that are interesting, creative, and energizing. Our weekly worship this year will follow the reflections in the book. We are hoping that some discussion groups will form to appeal to parents (during Children's Choir on Sunday morning?) or other adults (meeting at someone's home during the week?) All we need is willing facilitators. Let me know if the Spirit is prompting you.

For now, in his introduction, McLaren invites his readers into a process: "You are not finished yet. You are 'in the making.' You have the capacity to learn, mature, think, change, and grow. You also have the freedom to stagnate, regress, constrict, and lose your way. Which road will you take?"

I vote for the first one. Pastor Benjamin

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Godly Play and Sunday School

We are delighted to offer two classes of Godly Play for our Preschool-5th grade this year. After the Children's Sermon each week, people in Preschool through 5th Grade are invited to continue worship in Godly Play. Here are the stories that will be offered each week in September:

Pre-School & 1st Grade (Room 5)

Sept 10 Circle of the Church Year
Sept 17 Holy Family
Sept 24 Creation

2nd – 5th Grade (Room 6)

Sept 10 Circle of the Church Year
Sept 17 Great Family
Sept 24 The Exodus

Please contact Pastor Rachel with any questions: 707.823.2484 ext. 104 or RachelKnuth@uccseb.org.

SEPTEMBER 2017 WORSHIP

Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

Beginning on Launch Sunday, our worship will follow the outline provided in Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road By Walking. A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation."

September 3 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

While Family Camp participants worship at Camp Cazadero's Vesper Point, others of us will gather in the sanctuary for worship with Holy Communion. The scripture reading for the day is Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 and the sermon is called "Awe & Wonder."

September 10 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Launch Sunday

Today we launch with ministry program year. Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Genesis 2:4-25 called "Becoming Human Together."

September 17 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Broadbent preaches on Genesis 3:1-13 a sermon called "Choosing the Wrong Tree."

Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Genesis 4:1-17 called "Telling a Better Story."

Coming in October... World Communion Sunday, Annual Appeal Kick-Off Sunday, Neighbors in Need Special Offering, 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, All Souls/Saints Sunday





♥Thank you to all of you who helped with Apple Pies – we couldn't do it without you! ♥Thank you to Tom Dilley for managing the church bathroom make-over – how exciting to have new sinks, counter tops and hot water! ♥Thank you also to Tom Dilley and Mike Moore for replacing the exterior door to the custodian's closet and for the new light fixtures. ♥Thank you to Barbara Whitson and garden helpers Keenan & Patty Foster along with Bob Holland for keeping the church grounds looking so nice. ♥Thank you to our towel washing brigade, keeping our shower users supplied with clean towels: Irma Bachelor, the Coleman's, Terri Harper, Norma Watson and Barbara Wilson. ♥Thank you to office elves Joanne Matson, Janet Minton and Doris Rowe for faithfully coming in each week to help prepare for Sunday worship. ♥Thank you also to Joyce Cox, Bobbie Johanson, Nancy Shimetz and Joanne Matson for covering the office during Karin's time off. ♥Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fundraising efforts for new furnishings for Fireside Room. New love seats and reupholstered chairs are finished and should be in Fireside Room the beginning of September! ♥Special thanks to Dennis Olsen for refinishing the wood on the existing chairs. Come take a look!

FROM ERIN BUTTERFIELD

I have returned from the Peace Corps and I'm looking for part-time work for the next four months. I have extensive experience babysitting and nannying, as well as other home-assistance work. I have worked for a number of church families in the past and can give references upon request. Please keep me in mind with any childcare needs and/or household organizational needs. Call or text me at the number below.

Erin - (707) 396-8089

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) FOR 4/5TH GRADERS

We are excited to be expanding our curriculum for 4/5th Graders to include Our Whole Lives, Sexuality & Our Faith this Fall! Over the summer, Pete Emerson, Brooke Bell, and Pastor Rachel attended an intensive training course in OWL to prepare to offer the OWL curriculum this Fall. The 4/5th Graders who sign up for OWL will attend a 10-week course at 9am Sunday mornings, from September 17th - November 19th. There will be a mandatory Parent & Child Orientation for all participants on Launch Sunday, September 10th from 12-1:30pm. The OWL program is not a drop-in class and requires full participation for the 10-week course. Please sign up your child by emailing your interest to Pastor Rachel (rachelknuth@uccseb.org) before September 10th. If you have questions about the curriculum, you may contact Pastor Rachel, or one of our teachers, Brooke Bell or Pete Emerson.



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Sunday morning Bible study meets Sundays 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We are focusing on the Gospel of Matthew. Bring your Bible, your inquisitive mind, and your coffee/tea mug.

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!

APPLE PIES EVENT REPORT

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?? WE DID IT AGAIN!



Another year, and another round of Apple Pies – this year we made just over 1600 pies, not quite as many as last year and we didn't sell out of pies this year – more for all of us to enjoy! 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 51 youth to camp this summer, some for their very first camp experience! The Community Church is the largest supporter of the UCC camping program for youth at Camp Caz. And we're not done yet – our Family Camp (Sept. 1-3) 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. Thanks again to our Pie Committee:



Kathy Bell & Kathy Matthies – Co-Chairs; with

- Lloyd Lerum - the Apple Guy
- Ellen Stillman & Paula Berndt - Kitchen Supervisors
- Judy Peterson & Denelle Tognozzi – Fair Booth Coordinators
- Lori Babcock, Pat Furber Marian Mc Donald, & Diana Wilson, - Fellowship Hall Supervisors
- Bobbie Johanson Memorial Hall Supervisor
- Andy DelMonte – Baker Organizer
- Ben Broadbent – Head BBQ er

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.

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DINE & DONATE

Please join Mary's Pizza Shack in supporting
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL
YOUTH GROUP

at a Dine & Donate Fundraiser on
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2017

Bring this flyer to the Mary's Pizza Shack in Sebastopol and support the Youth Group Mission Trip to LA! 15% 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 15% of Dine-in, Take-Out & Delivery orders, all day. Don't have time to stay? Mary's will donate 15% 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 15% donation will be given for gift cards purchased on the event date; a 15% 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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| 4 Greg Davis | 21 Tyler Kalemba |
| 5 Lorin McClendon | Judy Hawkins |
| Kris Stoll | 22 Adrienne Sopinski |
| 7 Jane Huneke | 23 Carleen Madsen |
| Karna Dawson | Mark Murakami |
| 8 Walt Taddeucci | 26 Alicia Petersen |
| Catherine Reznik | Drew Thomas |
| 9 Renee Murakami | 27 Clifford Bright |
| 10 Gregg Yaylian | 29 Edwin Wilson |
| 13 Kathy Bell | Jonah Knuth |
| 14 Fran Rasmus | 30 Carmen Yeager |
| 15 Bob Thomas | |
| Henry Knuth | |
| 16 Josh Hovden | |



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!

International Crafts Sale

Two Sundays in the Courtyard

Mission & Outreach will present our annual International Craft Sale in the courtyard after church on two Sundays – dates to be determined. 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 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 to shop for these wonderful items for family friends, and yourself! Dates TBA!



MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Irma Bachelor (707-829-5485), Marian McDonald (707-338-5156), Marna McKenzie (505-660-1725) and Roger Wilson (707-823-8944) are the Members-at-Large to the Church Council for this year. If you have any issues you would like brought to the Council' 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: _____

SERVICE OF LAMENT & COMFORT

September 26 • 6 pm

Lament: A passionate expression of sorrow or grief, often in music, poetry, or song form.

People of all ages are invited to an hour-long evening Service of Lament & Comfort on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:00 p.m. in our church's Faith Chapel.



A safe space will be created for participants, according to their own comfort level, to voice or otherwise express their sorrow concerning any number of things, including a change in life-stages, anxiety about the wider world, a recent loss, or grief inexplicable. This is a time to be honest with ourselves and with God, and to receive an assurance of God's comfort.

Pastor Benjamin and a small team will lead the service which will include music, ritual, readings of psalms, and periods of silence. All ages are welcome.

For more info or to arrange transportation, contact Nancy Shimetz at 707.823.4242 or nshimetz@gmail.com.

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.

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 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to... **Paula Matzinger** and **David Peterson** on the birth of their first grandchild – Adrian Harland Seitz. Proud parents are Elise (Peterson) and Lance Seitz of Santa Rosa. Adrian was born on August 5 at Sutter Hospital in Santa Rosa. The family is home and everyone is in good health – blessings to all. **PRAYERS for.... the Margulis family**, settling into their new home in Florida; **Glenda Elvy**, seeking relief from pain; **Richard Norton**, recovering from medical procedure, **Ginny Rich**, being treated for cancer; **the Bauer family**, moving to Hawaii; **Elin Lennox**, recovering from kidney failure; **Pam Ammondson**, recovering from surgery; our keyboardist, **J. Althea**, healing from fractured her arm. **PRAYERS for... Jeremy Griffin**, ill from a burst appendix; friends and family of **Mikey Solano**, who died in a car crash; **Bob Harper**, facing brain biopsy and treatment; family of **Jack Macy**, who died recently; **Helen Sokolis**, recovering from broken hip and surgery; **Donna Tappan** who is continuing with chemotherapy; **CONGRATULATIONS to... Samuel Harper**, who recently finished high school. **PRAYERS for... Tracy Morgan**, recently diagnosed with breast cancer; **Ron Sleeker**, with thanksgiving for a new home; **Brian Rafferty**, recovering from car accident; **Ginny Embry**, recovering from illness; **Lt. Col. Paul Johnson**, recently deployed to South Korea; **CONGRATULATIONS to... Larry & Diane Stallings**, celebrating 43 years of marriage; **PRAYERS for... Connie Blackstone**, recovering from illness; **Doris Rowe**, health concerns with leg; **PRAYERS for...** the family of **Jean Anderson**, who died recently; to the family of **Elaine Bornmann** who passed away – services will be at the Community Church for Elaine on October 14.



LAUNCH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Join us on Sunday, September 10, for Launch Sunday worship at 10:30 followed by a "Launch Lunch" for the entire community. Each year on the second Sunday of September, Community Church launches a new ministry program year. Our programs are expanding this year and will include:

- Nursery Care (birth – age 4)
- Monthly Multi-Generational Worship with Holy Communion (all ages)
- Our Whole Lives: Sexuality & Our Faith (Grade 5)
- Godly Play (Preschool – 3rd Grade)
- Sunday School (4th & 5th Grades)
- Children's Choir (Preschool – 5th Grade)
- Chancel Choir (teens & adults)
- Handbell Ensemble (teens & adults)
- Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)
- Confirmation Class (Grades 9 & 10 and any other interested high schooler)
- Sunday Bible Study (adults)
- Women's Bible Study (adults)
- Book Discussion Group (parents & other adults)
- Service of Lament and Comfort (all ages)
- Men's Retreat (adults)
- Women's Retreat (adults)

For more information, visit www.uccseb.org or contact the church office at 707.823.2484.

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, beginning August 24. 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 Plaughner at 869-9120 or send an email to: brian.plaughner@gmail.com.

The **Bell Choir** rehearses Wednesday evenings at 4:45 PM in the sanctuary and usually performs in worship once a month. Do you have a general understanding of music? 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 pre-school through 5th grade. We currently are seeking a director for this position – please check back for more information.

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.plaughner@gmail.com.

Brian Plaughner, Minister of Music



Youth News

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

September 2017!!



Middle School continues to meet on Sunday mornings from 9 – 10:15 am in the Youth Lounge.

High School Youth will be combined with Confirmation Class through the end of November, in a program we are calling **Confirmation-Plus**, all are invited to attend whether you are considering confirmation, have already been confirmed, or want to continue your practice of coming to youth group!

Sept 13 – Dine & Donate at Mary's – see the enclosed flyer

Sept 17 – Welcome Back Party! Youth Lounge

We will be starting our first youth group meeting with a bang!!

9 -10:15 AM Middle School: Bring your favorite breakfast side dish to share, the main entrée will be provided.

6 – 8 PM High School Confirmation Plus: Bring your favorite dinner side dish to share and the main entrée will be provided. See you in the Youth Lounge!

Sept 24 – Questioning - Youth Lounge

This week will be getting into our topic discussion from the theme of Questioning. Come with your ideas of what questioning means to you.

9 -10:15 AM Middle School

6 – 8 PM High School Confirmation Plus

Coming up – the Fall Youth Event for grades 9-12 at Monte Toyon November 17-19. More info soon.

Young Adult – 20/30's Group

We are looking to start a once a month young adults group this program year. If you are interested or have questions, please Contact Ross Galleto at 707-495-1507 or rossgalleto@gmail.com.

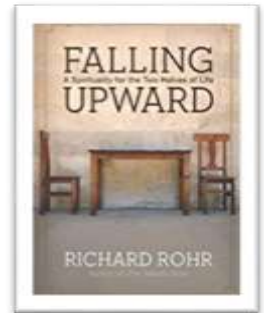
A RETREAT FOR ALL MEN

OCTOBER 27-29, 2017 ST. COLUMBA'S RETREAT CENTER
12835 SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BLVD, INVERNESS



THEME: *Moving into the Second Half of Life* based on a book by Franciscan Friar, Richard Rohr: *Falling Upward**. Pastor Benjamin will facilitate a discussion looking at the joys and struggles of the past while moving forward – how we can hear a deeper voice of God along the way. *Copies of **Falling Upward** are available at the Sonoma County Library or widely available online.

FACILITY: St. Columba's Retreat Center is located in Inverness, nestled in the hills above Tomales Bay, just a little more than an hour from Sebastopol at 12835 Sir Francis Drake Blvd in the town of Inverness.



There are several bedrooms, each with 1 to 12 single beds. All bedding and towels are provided, with accommodations for 30.

Men's Spiritual Retreat Registration Form October 27-29, 2017

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Address _____

Any special needs: _____

FEE: \$50 (Group attendees will participate in food preparations. \$25 per person will be collected separately for food.)

TRANSPORTATION: Carpooling arranged by Warren Brisbin.

I am interested in carpooling: Yes No _____ I would like to have a ride.

_____ I will be driving my car and have room for _____ more people.

Please make checks payable to **The Community Church** for \$50 with a notation in the memo line: **Men's Retreat** and mail to Warren Brisbin, 3378 Magowan Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

For questions contact Warren at 707.483.4461 or GBrisbin@sonic.net



NEW MEMBER INTERACTIVE ORIENTATION OCTOBER 8

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 interactive orientation with a simple lunch after church on Sunday, October 8 from 11:45 am -1:45 pm, in our Media Room to find out more about the Community Church and what it means to become a member.

Please contact Karin Seder, Office Manager by October 2 if you plan to attend and let her know if you need childcare: 707.823.2484 ext.100 or office@uccseb.org.

New Members will be received into the church on October 22.

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 1. Following worship, you will have the opportunity to support artisans from around the world as Mission & Outreach sponsors the International Crafts Sale with all funds collected returned to Ten Thousand Villages that pays artisans a fair market value for their wares.



Neighbors in Need



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

The 2017 theme is "Protect the Sacred: In a Just World, Clean Water is Life." Our congregation will receive the NIN offering on two Sundays, September 24 and October 1, 2017 as part of our World Communion Sunday observance.

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 _____



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.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesdays beginning September 20 in the Fireside Room at 10 AM. We start with **Unplug to Experience**

God's Presence: Enjoy the Silence based on "Faith Without Words." (Christianity Today, April 2014) Psalm 45; Roamans 8:26-27; Matthew 14:22-24; Luke 6:12-13. All women are invited to join the group. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ!

VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR SCHOOLS OF HOPE!

In Sonoma County, more than 50% of third grade students are reading below grade level. Nearly 90% of third grade students, who are also English Language Learners, are reading below grade level. Research shows a student who is not at least a moderately skilled reader by third grade is unlikely to graduate from high school.

The Schools of Hope program is an early intervention model for children who are struggling with reading. The core components of the program include one-to-one literacy tutoring, volunteer recruitment and training, and parent engagement. The goal of Schools of Hope is to increase the number of children reading at grade level to at least 90% by 2020.

Become a tutor, and in as little as ONE hour a week make a difference in a child's life! Learn more or register for an orientation at www.unitedwaywinecountry.org. You may also contact Emmanuel Moon for more information about volunteering with Schools of Hope at (707) 528-4485 x103 or emmanuel.moon@unitedwaywinecountry.org.

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 beginning 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 14

- 10 am** Executive Board Meets in Women's Fellowship Office
- 10:30** Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 11:15** Program in Fellowship Hall: Home Ergonomics with Dale Philips and the importance of exercise & balance.
- Noon** Potluck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 28

Circles 1 and 2 meet at 11:30 am for lunch at the Sebastopol Senior Center – enjoy a wonderful lunch for just \$4. Call Dale to reserve your spot: (707) 695-0717 by Monday, Sept.25.

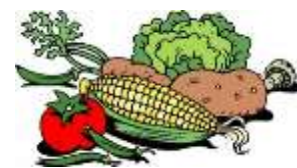
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Farmer's Market, Craft & Bake Sale • SEPTEMBER 17 •

On September 17, following worship, the Women' 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 17.

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



Confirmation, not Conformation

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent

*Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God.*

– Romans 12:2

Community Church will be offering a Confirmation Class this fall. That's *confirmation* not *conformation*. In other words, the class is not about getting young people to conform to a prescribed meaning of the Christian faith. Confirmation is a rite of passage, a focused spiritual time for a young person to deepen in faith and to receive a blessing from one's spiritual community, the Church. It's a time to nurture one's relationship with God, to explore Christian practices, to learn basic beliefs, and to discover how these things can become a life-long adventure.

Details:

- Who: 9th and 10th Graders (and any other high schoolers who want to do it)
- When: Every Sunday evening, September 17 – November
- Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Where: The Youth Lounge of Pilgrim Center at Community Church
- Facilitating Leaders: Pastor Benjamin & Ross Galleto
- Supporting Leaders: Pastor Rachel & Corinne Ford

Two Final Questions:

1. What about high school youth group? This fall, confirmation is high school youth group. All teens, even those already confirmed, are invited to come and be a part of the discussions. Like regular youth group sessions, we will hang out a bit and eat dinner together before launching into the content. At the end of our time

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together, we will pray for each other and part with a blessing.

2. Does attending Confirmation Class mean I am agreeing to be confirmed and join the church? No. The class is a time of exploration. At the end of the program, all participants will be invited to receive a blessing from the congregation on Sunday, December 3. Those wishing to be confirmed and to join the church may do so that day.

If you or someone you know might be interested in this program, please share this article with them and contact Pastor Benjamin or Ross Galleto at 707.823.2484.



Family Camp – You Can Still Signup! September 1-3, 2017

Join us at Family Camp – the 'Family' is our church family – singles, doubles, traditional families, non-traditional families and parts of families are all welcome! It is a weekend of fellowship, hiking, swimming, crafts, singing, campfires, talent shows, worship and much more – or less if you just want to hang out in this beautiful place called CAZ!.

If sleeping in a bunk in a cabin is beyond your scope, plan to join us just for the day on Saturday. You can enjoy breakfast-lunch-dinner and everything that happens in between!

Camp Cazadero is a beautiful 1 hour drive along the Russian River and up the hill past the town of Cazadero. For registration at this point, please contact Karin in the church office: 707.823.2484. And if you would like to find out more about our history with Camp Caz, check out the story written by Sara Gerboth: www.uccseb.org/docs/HistoryofCampCazadero.pdf.

New Members

On May 21 we had four new members join our congregation and then on August 20, we welcomed three more new members! Please extend a warm welcome on Sundays to our newest members.



Joining on May 21

Kiley Clark &
Kendall Tripathi-Clark

Blythe Osner & sons
Isaiah and Elan

(Address & phone number omitted for publishing online)



Yvette Morris

Joining on August 20

Kasey Babcock

Tim & Rachel Allen & sons

(Address & phone number omitted for publishing online)

We have updated 2017 Church Directories available in the church office – come pick one up! And if you have any changes in your contact information, please let Karin in the church office know: office @uccseb.org or 707.823.2484.



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 11.

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 some one's day

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Youth Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Worship & Summer Interest Centers 11:45 AM Faith In Action Meeting	28	29	30 10:00 AM Knitting Circle 11:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	31 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	1 10:00 AM UkeStars 4:00 PM Family Camp at Camp Caz Begins	2 Family Camp at Camp Caz
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10 Launch Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Godly Play & Sunday School 11:30 AM Launch Sunday Lunch 12:00 PM OWL Parent & Child Orientation	11 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	12 4:00 PM Parish Relations Committee	13 Dine & Donate All Day - Mary's Pizza, Sebastopol 10:00 AM Knitting Circle 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	14 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women' Fellowship Meeting 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	15 October Newsletter Deadline for articles 10:00 AM UkeStars	16
17 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Middle School Youth 9:00 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM OWL - 4th & 5th Graders 10:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Godly Play & Sunday School 11:30 AM Women's Fellowship Farmer's Market & Craft Sale 6:00 PM High School Confirmation Plus	18	19 7:00 PM Personnel Meeting 7:00 PM Memorial & Endowment	20 9:30 AM Giants Baseball 10:00 AM Staff Team 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	21 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	22 10:00 AM UkeStars	23
24 Neighbors in Need Special Offering 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Middle School Youth 9:00 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM OWL - 4th & 5th Graders 10:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Godly Play & Sunday School 6:00 PM High School Confirmation Plus	25	26 6:00 PM Service of Lamentation & Comfort	27 10:00 AM Staff Team 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble	28 11:30 AM Women's Fellowship Circles Lunch/Crafts @ Seb. Senior Center 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	29 10:00 AM UkeStars	30