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## **Resurrection as Uprising**

by Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister

This year Lent began on Lover's Day, February 14, and ends at sunrise on Fool's Day, April 1. "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom," Paul observes, "and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." When we open our eyes on April 1 this year, we will wake up again to the reality of resurrection.

In "We Make the Road by Walking," Brian McLaren observes that "God's word doesn't come in dominating, crushing force. It comes only in vulnerability, in weakness, in gentleness." God communicates love for humanity through Christ's death on a cross. Betrayed by followers, denied by friends, ridiculed by authorities, he died a death he did not deserve and experienced the full weight of human separation from God.

But three days later, women disciples went to the tomb with spices to anoint Jesus' body. What they found was beyond their expectation and comprehension. An empty tomb. Discarded burial cloths. Angelic visitors. Appearances. Resurrection. The crucified one had been raised from the dead and was now at loose in the world. "An uprising of hope, not hate. An uprising of love, not weapons... a joyful promise of life and peace." When we rise from our beds on Easter morning, we rise into a world of life overcoming death. God's foolishness at work. In us.

## 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.



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## APRIL 2018 WORSHIP

**Worship happens most Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**  
Children's Worship in the Chapel follows Children's Message except on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month when we gather for Multi-Generational worship

During the season of Easter, we return to our all-church read, "We Make the Road By Walking," by Brian McLaren, picking up on the theme of Easter as "Uprising"

### April 1 – Easter Sunday / Feast of the Resurrection

Today we gather for 3 multi-generational worship services:

- 6:30 – Sunrise Service in Peace Garden at Ragle Ranch Park
- 9:00 – Worship Service with Chancel Choir
- 11:00 – Worship Service with Chancel Choir & Handbell Ensemble

### April 8 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

On this second Sunday in the season of Easter, Rev. Brian Plaughter, Minister of Music, preaches on John 20:1-31, "The Uprising of Fellowship."

### April 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Today Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches on John 21:1-15, "The Uprising of Discipleship." A Special Meeting of the Congregation follows the service to vote on adoption of a major revision to our church's Bylaws to enable a new governance model.

### April 22 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister for Children & Families, preaches on Acts 2:41-47, "The Uprising of Worship." We bid farewell to Ross Galleto in his role as Director of Youth Ministries.

### April 29 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Rev. Broadbent preaches on Acts 16:11-40, "An Uprising of Partnership." A Membership Orientation follows worship, in the Media Room for all who are interested in exploring membership.

**Coming in May...** Multi-Generational Worship with Holy Communion; Ascension Day Service of Lament & Comfort; New Member Joining; Faith Formation Sunday; Pentecost Sunday; Strengthen the Church Special Offering



## **NEW MEMBER INTERACTIVE ORIENTATION**

**April 29**

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, April 29 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 April 25 if you plan to attend and let her know if you need childcare: 707.823.2484 ext.100 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

New Members will be received into the church on Sunday, May 13.

## **MEMBERSHIP WITH INTEGRITY**

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

On May 13, we will receive new members into the life of Community Church. They will stand with others seeking to affirm their Baptism and join this local church making promises to participate in and support this fellowship of the beloved.

On that day, they will be asked to answer to the following, updated, versions of questions found in the Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ:

- Do you desire to affirm your baptism and to say, 'Yes, I want to participate in the faith and family of Jesus Christ?' 'I do.'
- Will you resist the powers of the world which demean people and harm the earth, and do you desire the freedom to be fully yourself in Christ? "I will and I do, strengthened by your prayers."

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- Will you strive to deepen your understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? "I will, relying on the Holy Spirit."
- Will you attempt, by the grace of God, to follow in the way of Jesus as his disciple, to resist oppression and violence, to show love and justice, and to embody the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? "I will, with the help of God."
- As a member of the church of Jesus Christ, do you intend to grow in the Christian faith, joining in the dynamic movement of God's people in this local congregation and as part of the global church by sharing in its joys and sorrows, listening to and learning from people older and younger, and by sharing your own gifts and perspectives so that together we may celebrate Christ's presence and serve this community and the world in Christ's name? "I do, by God's grace."

Further, they will make promises, along with other new members, to try to live into the following expectations that comprise a "Member in Good Standing" of The Community Church of Sebastopol, also known as "Membership with Integrity":

1. To take this church to be our faith community.
2. Endeavor to deepen spiritually in the Christian faith, accompanying the other members of this church in faithfulness and love.
3. To attend services of worship, and to observe the sacraments, as regularly as life allows.
4. To support the church regularly and generously from within our various financial circumstances.
5. To aspire to a leadership role, as each is able.
6. Serve faithfully as the church in the wider community, sharing with others the meaning and purpose of or covenant.

For those of us who are already members, we will be asked to commit to these promises along with our new members so that we might build together a community of deepening trust, faithful commitment, and palpable joy.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children are a vital part of the congregation and are always welcome to stay and participate in worship with their families. We welcome children of all ages in the sanctuary every Sunday, and strive to create worship services that are accessible for people of all ages.

For children and parents who wish for an alternative, we invite children to begin worship in the sanctuary with their families, then continue worshipping in Children's Worship. After the Children's Sermon, the Acolytes lead the group to the Chapel to continue worship with scripture, music, and offering, prayer, and Communion with Pastor Rachel. At the end of Children's Worship, the group will rejoin their families in the sanctuary.

We are grateful for all the volunteers who help in Children's Worship! To get involved, please contact Pastor Rachel: [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org).

### Children's Worship – Eastertide!

#### Hymn of the Month: "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

**April 1 Easter Sunday** – children will stay in worship with their families – services at 6:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

**April 8 Resurrection Butterflies** Minister: Pastor Rachel  
Musician: Jon Gonzales  
2 Shepherds: Nicole Whitehorn and Lisa Gonzalez

**April 15 Resurrection Gardens** Minister: Pastor Rachel  
Musician: OPEN  
2 Shepherds: Barbara Nichols and Warren Brisbin

**April 22 Resurrection Gratitude** Minister: OPEN  
Musician: OPEN  
2 Shepherds: Judy Davison and Mike Ott

**April 29 Resurrection Haiku** Minister: Pastor Rachel  
Musician: OPEN  
2 Shepherds: Terri Harper and Jerry Coleman

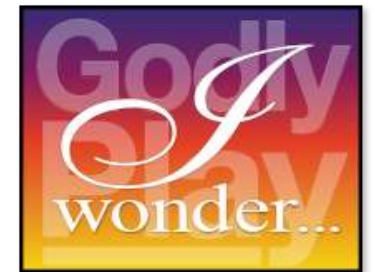


## GODLY PLAY IS HAPPENING AT 9:00AM!

Our Godly Play program continues in April for children Preschool-5th grade, in Room 5 at 9:00am. April 1 is Easter Sunday with three worship services offered to share with your families – no Godly Play on Easter!

<b>9 am April 8</b>	The Synagogue & Upper Room	Storyteller: Ann Butterfield Door Helper: Sheina Curtis
<b>9 am April 15</b>	Jesus & The Twelve	Storyteller: OPEN Door Helper: OPEN
<b>9 am April 22</b>	Parable of the Sower	Storyteller: Ann Butterfield Door Helper: Sheina Curtis
<b>9 am April 29</b>	Parable of the Mustard Seed	Storyteller: OPEN Door Helper: Michael Ott

In Godly Play, Storytellers memorize a story and present it with the children, using wooden pieces. Door Helpers offer support as a ministry of presence, assisting children with art and "the feast." We are looking for more Storytellers and Door Helpers who are available to help lead the program. If you're interested in joining our Godly Play ministry, please contact Pastor Rachel: [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org).



## Summer Host Families Wanted!

The Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith Team is looking to curate a list of people willing to host individuals attending the OWL/SOF training that our church will offer this summer. The date of the training is July 27-29. If you would be willing to open your home to someone who's here for OWL training, please contact Kristen DelMonte at [kristendelmonte@gmail.com](mailto:kristendelmonte@gmail.com).

## 2018 Holocaust & Genocide Lecture Series

Presented at Sonoma State's Warren Auditorium in Ives Hall on Tuesdays at 4 pm, now through May 8. See the complete schedule at [www.sonoma.edu/holocaust](http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust).



## **Transition Process to new Governance Model and Revised Bylaws**

### **Why, How, What and When?**

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Our current bylaws have been in place since 1985 and in many ways have served us very well. However, in recent years, we have become aware that our current practices are not adequately reflected by these bylaws and that many aspects of them might more appropriately belong in a Policy Book. We also realized that several processes as currently defined are redundant and that an increasing amount of energy is put into getting people to fill committees rather than to carry out ministry.

As a result, beginning over a year ago, initial conversations led to the formation of a Council Subcommittee on Governance which discussed multiple approaches and eventually focused on a Governance Model which we believed was the best approach for us to pursue our future objectives. Over the course of 2017, Council held an offsite retreat to more fully explore the proposed model. The decision was made to move ahead with this model. Multiple sessions were held throughout the year to help everyone understand the new model and to answer any questions that might have arisen. Additionally, the model was presented at the Annual Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> of this year.

The revision of our current bylaws enables the new governance model and provides the flexibility and transparency that we all felt was essential as we move forward. The first draft of those bylaws is now complete and available for you to review. Copies can be found online, in the narthex and in the Church office. We will be holding the first of two planned feedback sessions on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Media Room. The Transition Committee will incorporate your comments and suggestions wherever possible into the next draft. A second feedback session will be held on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Media Room. Once again, your input will be utilized whenever possible.

After this second feedback session, a final draft will be presented for approval by Council prior to our Special Congregational Meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. At that point, everyone will have had multiple opportunities continued

## **Governance Model** continued

to offer their comments and the meeting process will be a simple yes/no vote on incorporation of the revised bylaws. Members of the Governance Subcommittee will be happy to provide you with additional information: Pastor Broadbent, Nancy Shimetz, Patty Raney, Mike Ott, Chris Dawson, Marge Holland, Judy Rice.

Those of us who have worked on the new governance model and the revised bylaws are excited about the opportunities it provides and especially grateful that our congregation has been able to be an active participant in the entire process.

### **Men's Group Monthly Meeting**

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Attendees of the Men's Retreat invite you to join a monthly men's group, meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. We meet at 5:30 pm for dinner and at 6 pm we move into Faith Chapel. The group will engage in a series of prayer, study and common action – a unique opportunity to reflect on one's faith journey and make a deeper commitment to Christ. No reservations needed – see you on April 4. Contact *Larry Stallings* with any questions 650.283.0941.



### **Take Me Out to the Ballgame!**

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Our 3-time World Champion San Francisco Giants are ready for a new season of winning and we have tickets for two games! We are in Club Level, section 231, rows C & D for both games – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of transportation (\$86 + \$30) or you can just pay for the ticket and find your own way to the ballpark. Call Karin in the church office to sign up at 823-2484 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org). Both games start at 12:45 with our ride leaving Sebastopol by 10 am.

Thursday, June 28: SF Giants vs. Colorado Rockies & Tuesday, August 7: SF Giants vs. Houston Astros.



# MADD Music Art Dance Drama Vacation Bible Camp

June 11-15 from 9 am to 12 pm for ages 4-10  
with a special presentation during worship on June 17

## Dress-up Days ★ Dancing ★ Singing / Music Crafts ★ Fun Discoveries

Co-sponsored by the Children's Ministry Team & Youth Groups at the  
Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC

Early bird registration before May 14 - \$115 per child

After May 14, \$125 per child or \$25 per day.

Registration closes: June 4

Ask about our sibling discount & scholarship information.

### MADD Camp – Save the Dates!

Our church's Vacation Bible School camp, which we call MADD Camp for Music, Art, Dance, and Drama, will be the week of June 11-15th, including leadership in the worship service on Sunday, June 17th. The MADD Camp theme this year is "The Prodigal Child," and registration is now open: [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org).

And... if you are a Middle or High School student who's interested in volunteering as a Camp Counselor, we will have two required training days to prepare for camp: Sunday, June 3rd, 12-2:30pm (with pizza!) and Saturday, June 9th, 10am-12:30pm (with pizza!).

And Also...! We are looking for a Volunteer Snack Guru for MADD Camp. The Volunteer Snack Guru would provide a hearty (sugar-free) snack every day, mid-morning, for approximately 30 children and teenagers, taking care of preparing, serving, and cleaning up from the snack. The Volunteer Snack Guru would be reimbursed for purchases related to snacks. Please contact Pastor Rachel for further details.

For more information about our MADD Camp program, or if you'd like to be an adult volunteer during camp hours, please contact Pastor Rachel at [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org)

## SERVICE OF LAMENT & COMFORT

Tuesday, May 8 ♦ 6 pm ♦ Faith Chapel



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

People of all ages are invited to this hour-long service. In this service, guided by the wisdom of Biblical Psalms, we follow a path from Orientation (basic trust in God), into Disorientation (lament), toward Re-orientation (new trust in God). A safe space will be created to acknowledge and express sorrow concerning a change in life-stage, anxiety about the wider world, a recent loss, or grief inexplicable. Pastor Ben and a small team will lead the service which includes music, ritual, readings of psalms and periods of silence.

For more info or to arrange transportation, contact Nancy Shimetz at 707.823.4242 or [nshimetz@gmail.com](mailto:nshimetz@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEER POSITION: WORSHIP TOOLS TABLE COORDINATOR

Pastor Rachel is looking for a Volunteer to tend the Worship Tools Table. Responsibilities include partnering with Rachel to create awesome Worship Tools that engage children in worship, maintaining the table every week (sharpening pencils and tidying up), and occasionally finding additional volunteers who might help make new Worship Tools. For more information, please contact Pastor Rachel at [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org).

## 2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have updated 2018 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](mailto:office@uccseb.org) or 707.823.2484.



# April Birthdays



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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Sebastian Jame         | 17 Roger Wilson     |
| Sara Margulis            | 18 Tom Meyskens     |
| Robert Peterson          | Mark Clifton        |
| Laurie Kellner           | Becca Emerson       |
| 2 Kevin-Derrick Caldwell | 19 Lorinda Bradley  |
| 3 Matthew Kalemba        | 20 Nolan Petersen   |
| 5 Jeff Boal              | 21 Annie Petersilge |
| Becky Wessling           | 25 Molly Wreden     |
| Diane McPherson          | Terri Harper        |
| 6 Irma Bachelor          | Dave Madsen         |
| 8 Dave Madden            | Dennis Olson        |
| Jessica Steyn            | 26 Kathy Matthies   |
| Tristyn Nichols          | Ginnie Clifton      |
| 10 Kelly McKoin          | 27 Christy Saxton   |
| Karin Seder              | Deidra Warner       |
| 11 Tony Given            | 28 Barbara Zimmer   |
| Deirdre McNamara         | 29 Christine Ford   |
| 12 Caitlyn Carciere      | Brooke Bell         |
| 14 Charlotte Mitchell    | 30 Nancy Shimetz    |
| 15 Susanna Simms         | Nancy Dougherty     |
| 16 Paul Ahvenainen       | Sabina Malone       |



# Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to participate in Women's Fellowship. Our focus is to promote fellowship and service. Our card writing ministry meets on the second Wednesday of the month. We meet at the Sebastopol Senior Center for lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month.

## Wednesday, April 11

Card Writing Ministry meets at 3pm in the Women's Fellowship Office. Bring your favorite pen to help write cards to those in need of cheer and comfort. Thank you to Barbara Walton and Muriel Weaver for donating their beautiful art work cards to our ministry.

## Thursday, April 26

Meet at the Sebastopol Senior Center at 11:45 to enjoy a delicious lunch for just \$4. Call Dale Phillips at 707.695.0717 to reserve your spot by Monday, April 23.

**UPCOMING:** Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring a Prayer Shawl Ministry beginning April 16. We plan to meet to knit or crochet shawls from 10:00-noon on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Fireside Room. You may pick up a copy of the pattern in the church office. Contact Joanne Matson 707.823.5249 or Chris Jenkins: 707.829.2230 for more information.



## 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 contact Vicki Reno at 707.827.3668 or by email: [vreno@comcast.net](mailto:vreno@comcast.net).

### **Official Notice:**

#### **Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held Sunday, April 15, 2018 at noon in the sanctuary**

The Council of The Community Church of Sebastopol is calling all active and associate members to attend a special meeting of the congregation at which two motions will be presented:

1. To adopt a major revision of our church's Bylaws, and, if passed;
2. To approve a slate of Leadership Council Officers and Members, as well as Nominating Committee Members, to serve in the governance structure enabled by the newly adopted Bylaws.

The process of revising the Bylaws has been underway for many months. All church members have been invited to participate and many have provided important feedback. For this reason, and with respect to the time commitment of meeting participants, a simple yes/no vote will be taken without debate on both motions.



Paper copies of the proposed revised Bylaws can be found in the church office and narthex. A digital version is available at [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org). If you have questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Governance Task Force: Chris Dawson, Marge Holland, Mike Ott, Judy Rice, Nancy Shimetz, Patty Raney, and Pastor Benjamin.

Those who have worked on revising the Bylaws are excited about the clarity and opportunities they provide, and are especially grateful that many within our congregation have actively participated in the overall process. See you on April 15.

### **Snack Items**

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. Ideally, these food items are single servings and in packaging that does not require a can opener or a stove for preparation.

### **Church Council Mission & Norms**

At the February Council meeting, it was decided that Council should share with the congregation the Mission & Norms of the Church Council. They serve as a reminder about why we are there - the guidelines we want to keep in mind when considering various issues and concerns. The Mission & Norms are attached to each monthly agenda. Pastor Ben asked at the February meeting, "Are these still the norms we want to live by?" After consideration, we all agreed, "Yes, they are - we always want to further the Mission of the Church." We invite you to consider them further within each of your groups.

#### **The Mission of the Council:**

- To prayerfully and thoughtfully interpret and enact the Community Church's mission, vision and values and to provide leadership and strategic direction.
- To safeguard the assets of the church, and to ensure adequate resources (human, spiritual, financial, and facility.)
- To support, direct and partner with the church staff team.
- To be ambassadors to the community on behalf of Community Church of Sebastopol.

#### **Norms for the Council:**

1. Keep the mission of the Council in mind. No personal agendas.
2. Follow the Bylaws.
3. Attend meetings, arrive on time, and stop on time.
4. Come prepared. Do your homework and follow through.
5. Know the purpose of agenda items and stay focused.
6. Avoid interrupting, digressing, and repeating yourself.
7. Respect the expertise, time, and contribution-style of others.
8. Participate fully. Listen carefully and ask good questions.
9. Be honest. Agree to share disagreements, and agree to disagree amicably. Keep disagreements within the Council.
10. Maintain confidentiality.
11. Enjoy the work and enjoy each other.





## MISSION & OUTREACH

The next meeting of Mission & Outreach will be on Monday, April 9 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

### 2018 Adult Mission Trip to Lake County

Adult Mission Trip applications were due in March, but there may still be room for you to join the group in Lake County June 3-9 to Lake County. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Joyce Cox at 707.829.0750 for more information. Application packets are available here: <https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2018.LakeCountyApplication.pdf>.

### Second Saturday Lunch

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 and bus passes along with some clothing items. 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*

### Become a Garbage Patch Kid

The Clean River Alliance is an organization that likes to talk trash . . . removing trash, that is! CRA has organized a public cleanup on May 19th from 10 am to Noon at the Santa Rosa Creek in downtown Santa Rosa. They provide equipment, water and snacks.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is inviting all ages and abilities to help clean up the creek bed and along the paved pathways of the Prince Memorial Greenway. We will carpool from the church – watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin.

★Thank you to **Jane Huneke, Kathy Matthies** and **Diane Stallings** for coordinating our soup suppers – and to all our soup makers for the wonderful variety of delicious soups! ★Thanks to **Gail Thomas** for coordinating our faith journey presenters: **Keenan & Patty Foster, Ross Galleto, Kathy Matthies, Curt & Barbara Nichols** and **Diane & Larry Stallings**. ★Thank you to our Transition/Governance Committee for their many hours working together on the major by-laws revisions: **Chris Dawson, Marge Holland, Mike Ott, Patty Raney, Judy Rice, Nancy Shimetz**, and **Pastor Broadbent**. ★Thank you to our **Faith In Action Team** for hosting the Rapid Response Training to aid our neighbors in the event of an ICE raid and to **Kathy Matthies** and her team for preparing delicious snacks for the participants. ★Thank you to everyone who helped make the World Day of Prayer event such a beautiful service, especially **Chris Jenkins** for coordinating and **Pastor Rachel** for her leadership. ★Thank you to our Coffee Hour volunteers – **Sharon & Dennis Olson, Gloria & Tony Given, Eva & Dick Norton, Sohni & Gregg Yaylian** and everyone who contributes the treats to go along with the hot coffee – thank you! ★



### Prayers of the People

**Prayers for Warren Brisbin** & family for the passing of his mother, **Zella Brisbin**, at the age of 102; **Zora Hanson** & family at the death of her husband, **Dave Hanson**; **Dan Rasmus** & family at the death of his father, **Ronald Rasmus**; **Kevin Bench**, undergoing multiple tests; **Joanne Matson**, recent surgery; **Lynn Deedler**, recovering from a plane crash; **Adrienne Sopkinski**, recently moved into memory care; **Nancy Shimetz**, recent surgery; **Kathy Anderson**, mother of Kristen DelMonte, recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; **Priscilla Best**, in hospice care; **Birgit Quezada**, recovering from illness; **Muriel Weaver**, recovering from eye surgery; **Glenda Elvy**, recovering from a stroke; **Pat Jenkins**, recovering from surgery; **Ginny Embry**, recovering at home; **Aunt Lu**, suffering from a stroke; **Brother Bill**, diagnosed with ALS; **Lizann Bassham** continuing treatments; Congratulations to the Matthies family on the birth of **Owen Christopher**; to the Roa family on the birth of **Drew Thomas Roa** and to Ruth Grant & family on the birth of **Charlie**.

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study returns from Easter break on April 11. The group meets at 10 am in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome.

**April 11** – *"The Prophetic Imagination."*

Connecting the dots between the world as it is and the world as it might be.

Application: the challenge of Mercy and Kindness.

**April 18** – Finding your prophetic voice today. Discussion of essay by Quaker prophet, Liz Roe. *"What does Yahweh ask of each of us?"*

**April 25** – RELAX! Meet for a film, *"Ladies in Lavender,"* starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. Meet early at 9:30 am.

*On break until September – but maybe you would like to meet on Mondays for our new Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in the Fireside Room starting April 16.*

Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



## New Life for Your Old Eyeglasses / Hearing Aids



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.

A friend of the Community Church, Charlene (Charlie) Figaro, is available as a senior companion, light housekeeping, driving to appointments and shopping, \$15/hour 707.292.0691.



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## Summer Camps 2018

### At Camp Cazadero

#### **You & Me Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 1-3) **July 6-8**

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 1-3. Each child may bring up to 2 adults. Check out registration and special pricing at [www.ncncucc.org](http://www.ncncucc.org). Plus we offer a great Apple Pie Scholarship for our You & Me Campers!

#### **Junior Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 4-6) **July 15-21**

#### **Jr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 7-9) **July 22- 28**

#### **Sr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 10-12) **July 8-14**

### At Camp Tamarack

#### **Junior Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 4-6) **July 15-21**

#### **Jr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 7-9) **July 22-28**

#### **Sr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 10-12) **July 29- Aug 4**

Check [www.ncncucc.org](http://www.ncncucc.org) for more information and to download registration and health forms. You may want to download the forms and pay by mail to avoid electronic registration fees.

Apple Pie Scholarships are available for all our campers – call the church office to sign up to help at our Apple Pies event (Aug 9-12, 2018) and earn \$\$ for camp!

**Community Church of Sebastopol's FAMILY CAMP:**  
**Aug 31 - Sept 1 & 2, 2018**

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

# Youth News

April 2018!!

**Middle School** (Grades 6-8) Sunday mornings from 9 – 10:15 am.  
**High School Youth** (Grades 9-12) gather at 6 pm, meeting from 7-8 pm.

## April 1 – No Youth Group Meetings

### Easter Sunday Services

6:30 am at Ragle Ranch Park  
9:00 & 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

## April 8 - Youth Group – Continuing with Matthew

Both groups will pick up where we left off in Matthew, exploring new ways to immerse ourselves in the life and teaching of Jesus.

9 - 10:15 AM Middle School  
6 – 8 PM High School

## April 15 – More of Matthew!

9 - 10:15 AM Middle School  
6 – 8 PM High School

## April 22

### It's not goodbye, it's see ya later!

Join in for Ross' going away celebration on his last Sunday of youth group! There will be food in both groups and lots of games and fun!

9 - 10:15 AM Middle School Breakfast  
6 – 8 PM High School Dinner

## April 29 – You guessed it – Matthew!

9 - 10:15 AM Middle School  
TBA - High School

## Did you know you can sign up for Summer Camp already!!

Registration is available and you can sign up to work Apple Pies to earn 1/3 off the early bird registration – call Karin in the office: 707.823.2484

## FAITH FORMATION HOUR

### There's A Place for Everyone on Sundays 9:00-10:15am!

Sunday mornings begin at 9:00am! We have a Faith Formation educational hour, with programming for people of all ages 9:00-10:15am every Sunday morning. The whole church joins in worship at 10:30am, with the option for children to continue to Children's Worship in the Chapel following the Children's Sermon.

## Sunday Mornings Faith Formation

A Place for Everyone at 9 am

Who	What	Where
Children Ages 0-3	Nursery Care	Nursery – Room 4
Children Preschool-Grade 5	Godly Play	Rooms 5 & 6
Youth Middle School	Youth Group	Youth Lounge
Youth High School	Adult Offerings / Sun Evening Program	Various / Youth Lounge
Adults	Bible Study	Fireside Room
Adults	Lecture Series TBA	Media Room
Adults (Parents of Pre-High Schoolers)	Breakfast Club Hangout	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Adults (Choir, Handbells, etc.)	Music Preparation	Music Room / Sanctuary

## YOUNG ADULTS – 20/30'S GROUP

Sadly, meetings for the rest of the program year have been postponed. Stay tuned for information on meetings starting up in our next program year at our new time during the Faith Formation hour, Sundays at 9am!

## Free Advance Care Planning Workshop

Sonoma County will host a free advance care planning workshop, **Who Will Speak for You If You Can't Speak for Yourself?** on Tuesday, April 17, from 2-4 pm at the Partnership HealthPlan of California, 495 Tesconi Circle, Santa Rosa. Register online: [MyCareMyPlanSonoma.org](http://MyCareMyPlanSonoma.org) under Events, by phone at 707.565.5950 or by email: [aasecretary@schsd.org](mailto:aasecretary@schsd.org).

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Easter Sunday</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Sunrise Service at Ragle <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Multi-Gen Easter Service <b>11:00 AM</b> Multi-Gen Easter Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Memorial & Endowment	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Group	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>7</b>
<b>8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>9:30 AM</b> Faith In Action Team (FIAT) <b>10:30 AM</b> Community Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Head Usher Orientation <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach	<b>10</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Pastor-Parish Relations Team – Sr. Minister	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>3:00 PM</b> Women's Fellowship <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> 2nd Saturday Lunch
<b>15 3rd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Community Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>11:45 AM</b> Special Meeting of the Congregation <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>16</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees	<b>19</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Lunch @ Seb. Senior Center <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Children's Ministry Team <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>21</b>
<b>22 4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Community Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>26</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Worship & Music Planning Team <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>28</b>
<b>29 5th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Zambia Presentation <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Community Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Group	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>5</b>

## Faith Formation Hour @ 9 am Sundays

Godly Play, Preschool-Grade 5, Rooms 5 & 6  
 Middle School Youth, Grades 6-8, Youth Lounge  
 Breakfast Club, Parents, Fellowship Hall  
 Sunday Bible Class, Adults, Fireside Room