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## Epiphany

by Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister

Epiphany wasn't always the most obscure holy time in the Christian liturgical year. Centuries ago, Epiphany outshone Christmas. In fact, Christmas, along with the arrival of the Magi and the Baptism of Jesus, was celebrated on the Day of Epiphany, January 6, 12 days after December 25 (hence the counting song).

Just because the season has taken a backseat to Christmas doesn't mean we need to ignore it. The Day of Epiphany and the season that follows is imbued with thick meanings:

- Epiphany is called the season of light and coincides with increasing daylight in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Epiphany is about the sudden realizations and wild transformations that mark a life of faith.
- The lectionary texts during Epiphany tell the stories of the beginning of Jesus ministry – his first sermon, his call of the first disciples, his first acts showing that "for God, all things are possible."
- The season culminates on Transfiguration Sunday when we tell the story of the glorious, mysterious, even disturbing revelation of Jesus' identity as God's beloved child.

So, have a Merry Epiphany and receive this blessing: May the light of Christ that shines within you cause your body and soul to glow with radiant love. May the memory of your Baptism cause you to remember your inherent beloved-ness. May your sudden realizations upset usual routines and set loose the wild transformation of our untamed God in your life, in the community of the church, and in all the world. Amen.

## FAITH IN ACTION

At the recent Issue's Assembly of the North Bay Organizing Project, we the members, voted on the issues to concentrate on for the next two years. The issues selected are;

- **Housing and Homelessness**
- **Immigration**
- **Environment and Transportation**

Task forces are being formed to research each issue and decide on actions steps to make a difference in each area. If you are interested in helping on one of these areas, please come to the next meeting, Monday, January 8, 6:00-7:30 at First Congregational Church UCC, Santa Rosa. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month.

## FAITH IN ACTION TEAM (FIAT)

FIAT announces the North Bay Rapid Response Network:  
[northbayop.org/rapidresponse](http://northbayop.org/rapidresponse)

The rapid response network provides a way for people to respond to fear and anxiety in our community as a result of the increase in immigration enforcement, ICE raids and other attacks against our communities. The network provides a 24 hour hotline (707-800-4544) to immigrants facing a raid by federal immigration agents, dispatches trained legal observers to the raid location, provides legal defense to affected communities, and offers accompaniment to victims and families following the raid.

Legal Observation Teams are made up of MigraWatch-trained observers who respond directly to the site of an ongoing ICE raid. Observers bear witness to immigration enforcement actions and provide data for the network and the victim's legal defense. There will be more trainings for legal observers, and there are other ways to be involved. Contact a member of the FIAT for more information or go to the North Bay Rapid response Network facebook page.

## JANUARY 2018 WORSHIP

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

***Children's Worship in the Chapel follows the Children's Message***

***This program year, through May 2018, our worship is following the outline provided in Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation."***

### ***January 7 – Epiphany Sunday / Baptism of Christ Sunday***

Today we gather on the day after Epiphany for multi-generational worship with Holy Communion. Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister, preaches a sermon on Luke 4:1-30, "Join the Adventure!"

### ***January 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

On this Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend Middle Schoolers from around the Northern California/Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ gather at our church for a Mid-Winter Retreat. Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on John 2:1-12, "Significant and Wonderful."

### ***January 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

On this "Ecumenical Sunday," the Handbell Ensemble offers music and Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister for Children and Families, preaches a sermon on Mark 4:1-34 entitled "Jesus the Teacher."

### ***(Tuesday) January 23 – Service of Lament & Comfort –***

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

We gather for our second contemplative prayer service using psalms and music to move through modes of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation. All ages welcome.

### ***January 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

On this day of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, we receive new members and Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Luke 5:17-32, "Jesus and the Multitudes."

***Coming in February...*** Multi-Generational Worship with Holy Communion, Transfiguration Sunday, Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent begins!

## **Governance Change Process**

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister  
& Patty Raney, Moderator



For the past year, our church's Council has been working on organizing and articulating a new governance model to serve our congregation in the coming years.

On January 29, 2018, at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the Council will review the process so far and outline the next steps. Here's a preview (subject to adjustment):

### **Process so far:**

- Began in Fall 2016
- Part of monthly Council agenda starting February 2017
- Council formed Governance Committee in April 2017
- Council Off-Site Retreat in August 2017
- Governance Committee offered made presentations to congregation, Trustees, Staff & Women's Fellowship
- Overview of governance model in October 2017 newsletter
- Outline of governance model on outside bulletin board November & December 2017
- Bylaws Sub-Committee created draft of Bylaws in December 2017

### **Next steps:**

- Governance Model Presentations for all interested members:
  1. Wednesday, January 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Media Room
  2. Sunday, January 21, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Media Room
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation:

Sunday, January 28, 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

  - Overview of proposed Governance Model
  - Description of process so far and next steps
  - Draft of Bylaws made available to the congregation for review

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## **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
Children Grades 4 & 5	Bible Class	Media Room
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 ADULT – 20/30'S GROUP**

Post high school, college students – all young adults – meet us at Hop Monk Tavern in Sebastopol for our next **20/30'S GROUP** on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. If you are interested or have questions, please Contact Ross Galleto at 707-495-1507 or [rossgalleto@gmail.com](mailto:rossgalleto@gmail.com). Hope you can join us for a visit and some good conversation!

## 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.

Our theme for January is Praying the Psalms: Help + Thanks + Wow! The January Hymn of the Month is "Arise, Your Light is Come," an Epiphany hymn. The whole church will sing "Arise, Your Light is Come" during Multi-Gen Worship on Sunday, February 4th.

Pastor Brian, our Minister of Music, is actively recruiting Musicians to participate in Children's Worship. If you are available to offer music in Children's Worship one Sunday, please contact Pastor Brian.

We are grateful for all the volunteers who help in Children's Worship!



### Children's Worship Themes

**Jan 7 Multi-Gen Worship in Sanctuary**

**Jan 14 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** Minister: **Pastor Rachel**;  
Musician: **OPEN**; Door Helper: **Leslie Wood**;  
Shepherd: **Pete or Becca Emerson**

**Jan 21 Psalm 62:5-12** Minister: **Pastor Rachel**;  
Musician: **OPEN**; Door Helper: **OPEN**; Shepherd: **OPEN**

**Jan 28 Psalm 111** Minister: **Pastor Rachel**;  
Musician: **OPEN**; Door Helper: **OPEN**; Shepherd: **OPEN**

## Governance Change Process *continued*

- Special Meeting of the Congregation:  
Sunday, April 15, 11:30 in the Sanctuary
  - Vote on proposed Bylaws
  - Vote on slate of nominees for new Governance Model

As you can see, it has been an involved and inclusive process. Ideas are being shared and energy is being generated. Please participate, learn more, ask questions, make suggestions, and pray for the well-being of our congregation and its leadership.

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### *Let's Make A Plan!*

#### **An Educational Estate Planning Seminar**

**February 10, 2018**



Community Church of Sebastopol will be holding an education seminar on **TRUSTS, ESTATES & FINANCIAL PLANNING**. Sponsored by the Memorial & Endowment Committee, with legal and financial planning expertise on hand to share

their wisdom and answer your questions. Who is this for? Church members and their friends –

- Young Adults, Young Families getting started
- Working People eyeing retirement
- Seniors in golden years

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday morning, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Media Room. We will have coffee and refreshments – more details to follow.

*Your planned giving puts . . .*

**Love** into action **Legacy** into action **Faith** into action

## ***Interested in Joining?***

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### **Step 1: New Member Orientation**

Attend the New Member Orientation after worship on Sunday, January 14, 11:45-1:45 in the Media Room of the Pilgrim Center. Lunch included. Childcare available upon request. During this program, you will learn about the history and theology of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, as well as the identity and traditions of our local congregation. Come with whatever questions you might have.

*Please RSVP, including childcare request, to [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) by Wednesday, January 10, so that we can plan for your participation.*

### **Step 2: Reception of New Members**

New Members will join in a ceremony that is part of our 10:30 worship service on Sunday, January 28.

*Note: We need to know by noon on Wednesday, January 24, whether you are planning to join.*

### **Step 3: Participate in the Life of the Church**

We welcome your full participation as a member in the life of our church. As members, we commit to:

- Attend worship as regularly as life allows
- Deepen spiritually by participating in one church program
- Serve faithfully with the church in the wider community
- Share our financial resources so the church may thrive
- Aspire to a leadership role
- Tell others about the church and why it means so much to us

### **Frequently Asked Questions...**

1. What if I can't make it to the orientation? *Our next New Member Orientation will be later in the Spring.*
2. What if I can't make it to the joining ceremony? *You may join in absentia and we will look for an opportunity to introduce you on a subsequent Sunday.*
3. *Do my kids join with me?* While all baptized people, including infants, are members of the Body of Christ, local church membership is for anyone over confirmation age (14 or so).

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## ***Service of Lament & Comfort***

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***Tuesday, January 23 ♦ 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. The first-ever Lament and Comfort Service was held on September 26th, and the majority of those in attendance requested that we "Do it again". 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).

### ***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.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Interested in Joining? continued

Children are invited to join us for the orientation lunch and we would love for them to be with you during the joining ceremony.

4. *What if I still have questions after the orientation?* Our pastors can be available during the week, in person or over the phone, to continue in conversation.

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

Our Godly Play program continues in January for children Preschool-5th grade, in Room 5 at 9:00am. 4/5th graders who are not participating in The Bible class are invited to join Godly Play!

9 am Jan 7	Epiphany	<i>Storyteller:</i> Paula Berndt <i>Door Helper:</i> Sheina Slack Curtis
9 am Jan 14	Holy Baptism	<i>Storyteller:</i> Paula Berndt <i>Door Helper:</i> Ann Butterfield
9 am Jan 21	Parable of the Good Shepherd	<i>Storyteller:</i> Ann Butterfield <i>Door Helper:</i> OPEN
9 am Jan 28	Parable of the Good Samaritan	<i>Storyteller:</i> OPEN <i>Door Helper:</i> 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." Often the Storytellers and Door Helpers find their involvement nourishes their spirits too! We are looking for more Storytellers and Door Helpers who are available to lead the program in the New Year. If you're interested in joining our Godly Play ministry, please contact Pastor Rachel, and she will be happy to talk more about it and send you a volunteer job description: [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org).





## MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. Their next meeting will be on Monday, January 8 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. Become part of something bigger – join Mission & Outreach!

### Christmas Ministries

The Shoe Box Ministry, Gift Card collections and Alternative Gifts were still in progress as of this printing – but the tree is decorated with all kinds of gifts and brimming with wrapped shoeboxes for the homeless. Thank you for your generosity!

### Saturday Table

On the second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Fellowship Hall to our local homeless population. 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

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.



## MISSION & OUTREACH

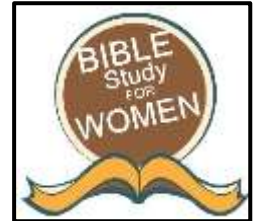
### UkeStars on Fridays



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 in the New Year beginning January 24. Join us at 10 am on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room as we begin a study of the Psalms. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



☺ Thank you to Doris Rowe for cleaning and stocking the pews each week in preparation for Sunday Worship. ☺ Thank you to Joanne Matson for her weekly help in the office – such a treat! ☺ Thank you to Norma Watson, Irma Bachelor and Jerry Coleman for washing our shower towels ☺ Thank you to Steve Beck for helping log our Sunday attendance each week. ☺ Thank you to Gail Thomas and her crew for providing the beautiful greens throughout our campus for Christmas. ☺ Thank you to Jeff Pearce and Mike More for setting up our beautiful poinsettia display and to Karin Seder and Tom Dilley for picking them up from the nursery. ☺ Thank you to our youth for adding the finishing touches to our Advent posters that adorn the sanctuary. ☺ Thank you to Keenan & Patty Foster for the very nice succulent baskets that spruce up the winter garden. ☺ Thank you to Olivia Stoll for organizing the very fun Children's Christmas Concert! ☺ Thank you to all our Carolers who braved the chilly weather to sing to our neighbors.

# HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

1 Barbara Walton  
 3 Gary Gordon  
 4 Tom Dilley  
 Brenna Hinckley Adamo  
 Jansen Look  
 5 Pat Dilley  
 Marian McDonald  
 6 Marge Holland  
 Diana Wilson  
 Margaret Ahvenainen  
 Allison Kalembo  
 7 Garrett Lamm  
 8 Hollace Archer  
 Sharon Olson  
 Susan Nestor  
 9 Suzie Ross  
 Ted Babcock  
 11 Josh Margulis  
 12 Virginia Hughes  
 Kevin Bench  
 Gail Thomas  
 Jim McLeod

14 Vicki Reno  
 15 Julie Smith  
 Edythe Briggs  
 16 Laurie Felciano  
 Louise Wakefield  
 17 Rhonda Matheny  
 19 Frank Mayhew  
 Eileen Ahvenainen  
 20 Karl Kachigan  
 Dylan Arendt  
 Tori McNamara  
 Benjy Margulis  
 21 Steve Bradley  
 Riley Yaylian  
 23 Jane Rasmus  
 Joanne Matson  
 24 Diane Stallings  
 Amy Van Leeuwen  
 25 Bill McMillon  
 26 Glenda Elvy  
 Paula Berndt  
 28 Robert Feige  
 Garth Watson  
 29 Martha Rowlands  
 Bruce Petersilge  
 Emily Davis  
 Yvette Morris  
 30 Gene Nelson  
 Alan Murakami



## Women's Fellowship



All women of the church are invited to participate in Women's Fellowship. Check out our new format for 2018 – we'd love to have you join us!

Women's Fellowship thanks everyone who purchased items from our December sale. We appreciate your support!



### Wednesday January 17

Meet at 3:00 in the Women's Fellowship office to write cards to those in need of cheer and comfort.

### Thursday January 25

Meet at the Sebastopol Senior Center at 11:30 to enjoy a delicious lunch for just \$4. Call Dale to reserve your spot: 707.695.0717 by Monday January 22.



## 127<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING.

The 127th Annual Meeting of The Community Church of Sebastopol will be on Sunday, January 28th, immediately following worship in the Sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend, learn about new proposals and ask questions.

All committee chairs need to electronically turn in their annual report to the church office by January 7, 2018. Please call the church office – 823-2484 – if you have any questions or would like to see copies of previous reports to help you get started.





# Youth News

January 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.

## January 7

9 -10:15 AM Middle School – **God's Kingdom**

6 – 8 PM High School – **You Can Be The Change**



## January 13-15 Middle School Mid Winter Retreat

Youth in grades 6 to 8 are invited to attend Mid Winter Retreat with director Ross Galleto here at the Community Church! Join youth from all over Northern California and Nevada and take this weekend to connect with summer camp friends and make new friends. Haven't been to camp before? This is a great opportunity to get a taste of the fun! You'll leave anxious to sign up for summer camp. The retreat is here – but you still need to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mid-winter-youth-event-tickets-41051119002>

*The event starts at 1 pm on Saturday – be sure you eat lunch before arriving. Pickup time is 11 am on Monday.*

## January 14

Any Middle Schoolers not attending Mid-Winter Camp, are welcome to join us at 9am to participate in a song for worship.

*No High School Youth Group Today*

## January 21

9 -10:15 AM Middle School – **Movie Morning**

6 – 8 PM High School – **Movie Night**

## January 28

9 -10:15 AM Middle School – **The Church**

6 – 8 PM High School – **Marked With A Purpose**

**Coming in February:** High School Youth FEB CAMP, February 17-19

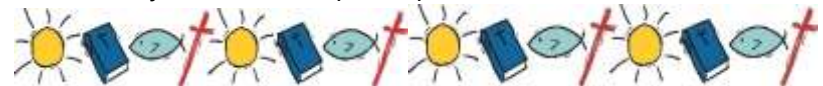
## Bible Class for 4/5th Graders During the 9:00 am Faith Formation Hour

Pastor Rachel will be offering a workshop for 4/5th graders on The Bible during the 9:00am Faith Formation Hour, starting in January. This 6-week class will help prepare the students to receive their Bibles. The church will be gifting Bibles to students who attend a minimum of 3 classes, and the Bible ceremony will be in worship on February 18th. We will "call each child by name" and present them with their own Bible.

The class will cover...

January 7	Books of Law
January 14	Books of History
January 21	Poetry and Songs
January 28	Prophets
February 4	Gospels
February 11	Acts + Epistles
February 18	in worship – Bible Presentation to students completing the class.

We will begin each class with a song to help memorize the books of the Bible. We'll look at maps, timelines, and what the Bible looks like in its original languages. A major aim of the class will be to look at the Bible with a whole-to-parts approach, looking for ways to see how God's story unfolds. Please RSVP to Pastor Rachel [[rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org)] to let her know your child will participate in The Bible class!



## BAKED GOODS FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

We would like 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!



## CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE COMMUNITY CHURCH!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

### 2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT!

A RETREAT FOR ALL WOMEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12-14, 2017 WESTMINSTER WOODS, OCCIDENTAL



Join us for a fun, spirit-filled weekend building relationships with the women of our church family. The weekend begins with Friday dinner and ends after worship on Sunday morning. There are a few openings for Saturday only.

#### THEME: The Bible Speaks to Us Today.

We will have the opportunity to take a fresh look at Bible stories in a nontraditional way. The ideas for this theme come from a book by Rob Bell titled *What is the Bible*. You will find comfort and support in God's presence within you, in the Bible and in the people around you.

#### FACILITATOR: Reverend Charlotte Asher

Charlotte was raised in the Community Church! She is a minister, special education teacher, has worked as the conference camp coordinator and enjoys farming. She is an excellent retreat leader, as many of you already know!

The time at retreat is yours to do as you wish. Nothing is mandatory! Sessions are no longer than 2 hours, with breaks and lots of interaction with others or alone time. There is free time to walk, sleep, chat, and there are always table games with lots of fun and laughter.

**FACILITY:** We will be at Westminster Woods, a lovely center in the Redwoods between Occidental and Monte Rio. We will have three deluxe houses that sleep between 7-10 people and 2 semi-deluxe cabins. All rooms are shared. There is parking near each house and it is possible to drive or walk to the dining room and meeting room.

Fees are subsidized by our Candy Sale and Wreath Sales.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** are available for **ANYONE** who wishes to attend. Scholarships will be limited to a maximum of \$135 of the \$185. Payment of your portion can be made monthly so long as it is paid prior to the next retreat. Scholarship information is kept confidential. Contact either Jane Huneke or Joyce Cox.

## Women's Retreat Registration Form January 12-14, 2018

### Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Limit is 35 people! Get your registration in early!

### FEES:

\_\_\_\_ \$185 **Full Retreat** Fri.-Sun. includes meals.

Preferred \_\_\_\_ Quiet House

\_\_\_\_ House with evening games (everyone is invited to join in the games regardless of where they are staying!)

\_\_\_\_ \$70 **Saturday Only**: includes 3 meals

**Fees are not refundable after Dec. 31**

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is the total registration fee

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is the total fee + to \$\_\_\_\_ to supplement the retreat fund

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a deposit of \$\_\_\_\_ (no less than \$50)

NOTE: The remaining balance to be paid no later than **Jan 5th**.

**Transportation:** I am interested in carpooling: Yes No  
Carpooling will be arranged by Joyce Cox [b-j-cox@att.net](mailto:b-j-cox@att.net) 829-0750

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

\_\_\_\_ I would like to have a ride.

Please make checks payable to **The Community Church** with a notation in the memo line: "Women's Retreat".

Please return this form with your deposit to:

**Marge Holland: 8949 Barnett Valley Road, Sebastopol 95472**

or drop in the collection plate at church,  
or leave at the church office.

### For more information please contact:

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Joyce Cox [b-j-cox@att.net](mailto:b-j-cox@att.net) 829-0750

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## ***Prayers, Joys & Concerns***



**CONDOLENCES to...** the family and friends of **Dick Huppertz** who died on November 17; the family and friends of **Douglas MacKenzie** who passed away in late November; the family and friends of **Donna Tappan** who died on November 23 after a long illness; to the family and friends of **Kathy Noguchi**, who died on December 19 after a brief hospital stay.

**HEALING PRAYERS for...** **Lizann Bassham**, undergoing immunotherapy; **Mary McMillon**, recovering from a broken hip; **Sabrina Williams**, age 6, granddaughter of Suzanne White, as she continues treatment for leukemia; **Dax Cohen**, age 2, son of Calla Burton Cohen, as he receives treatment for leukemia; **Virginia Hughes**, recovering from a fall; **Priscilla Best** who has been ill; **Ginny Embry**, preparing for bone marrow transplant; **Joanne Feige**, facing possible eye surgery.

**CONGRATULATIONS to...** **Will Plaugher**, accepted to Dental School at UCSF; **Joe Plaugher**, moving home from DC in January; the **Mitchell Family** on finding a new home in Sebastopol; **Kristen McKoin**, accepted to Medical School; **Ross Galleto** upon completion of his BA at Sonoma State.

### ***More thank you notes –***

Thank you to **Stuart Mitchell** for taking photos of our confirmands. And thank you to **Joyce Cox** and **Jane Huneke** for creating the beautiful bulletin board for the Confirmation Class of 2017. Thank you to **Bernie Hovden** for helping to get our van back on the road again. We love and appreciate all our volunteer helpers!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> <b>First Sunday after Christmas</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Multi-gen Worship	<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b> <b>JANUARY</b> <b>2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>6:00 PM</b> Budget Sub-Committee	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>6</b> <b>Feast of the Epiphany / Dia de Los Reyes</b>
<b>7 BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Multi-Gen Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach	<b>9</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Pastor Relations Committee	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>6:00 PM</b> Governance Model Presentation <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees / Council Joint Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Christian Education <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>13</b> Middle School Mid-Winter Retreat Women's Retreat at Westminster <b>11:30 AM</b> Second Saturday Lunch
<b>14</b> Middle School Mid-Winter Retreat Women's Retreat at Westminster <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>11:45 AM</b> New Member Orientation Lunch <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth	<b>15</b> <b>MLK Jr. Birthday Observed</b> Middle School Mid-Winter Retreat Women's Retreat at Westminster	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Team <b>3:00 PM</b> Women's Fellowship <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>11:45 AM</b> Pastor Relations Committee <b>12:00 PM</b> Governance Model Presentation <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Service of Lamentation & Comfort	<b>24</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>25</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Women's Fellowship @ Seb Senior Center <b>6:00 PM</b> Worship & Music Planning Team <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Nursery Care <b>9:00 AM</b> Faith Formation Hour - see below <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Children's Worship <b>11:45 AM</b> 127th Annual Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> High School Youth	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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>Faith Formation Hour@ 9:00 am Sundays</b> <b>Godly Play, PreSchool-Grade 5 in Rooms 5 &amp; 6</b> <b>Children's Bible Class, Grades 4 &amp; 5 in Faith Chapel</b> <b>Middle School Youth, Grades 6-8 in the Youth Lounge</b> <b>Breakfast Club, Parents in Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Sunday Bible Class, Adults in the Fireside Room</b>		