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**Family Camp
Registration
Inside!**



Winds of Change

by Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister

Can you believe it? Last month marked 2 years since I preached my first sermon at Community Church and the congregation voted to call me as its pastor. A lot has happened since then – Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, a Confirmation. We changed the church's governance model even and are currently living into those changes.

Last month also marked the beginning of the season after Pentecost, the season of the Holy Spirit, that wild and wily presence of God, sometimes gentle and sometimes fierce, who moves where she will and beckons the church to follow. Just when the church thinks it is settling into new rhythms, the Spirit has a way of interrupting with a new song altogether.

Speaking of Spirit-nudged changes, inside this newsletter, you can read about a proposal the Leadership Council is actively considering, a proposal to call a new full-time Associate Minister of Faith Formation. Behind this proposal is a bold and beautiful vision of a dynamic, multi-generational community that worships God, shares love, teaches Jesus' way to people of all ages, and puts faith into action.

The winds of change continue to blow, but the most important thing remains: it is the Holy Spirit that moves among us. Nudge, Holy Spirit, nudge.

2018 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & TEAM CHAIRS

| Role/Committee/Team | Chair |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Moderator | Nancy Shimetz |
| Council Officer for Facilities | Larry Stallings |
| Council Officer for Personnel | Kathy Bell |
| Council Officer for Finances | John Henel |
| Council Member for Worship & Arts | Becca Emerson |
| Council Member for Faith Formation | Linda Inman |
| Council Member for Care & Fellowship | Bobbie Johanson |
| Council Member for Outreach | Mike Ott |
| Clerk | Denelle Tognozzi |
| Facility Committee | Chris & Lisa Dawson |
| Finance Committee | Terry Beck |
| Mission & Outreach Committee | Joyce Cox |
| Memorial & Endowment Committee | Nathan Knuth |
| Personnel Committee | Pat Furber |
| Nominating Committee | Jane Huneke |
| Children's Faith Formation Team | Brooke Bell |
| Youth Faith Formation Team | Debbie McCallum |
| Adult Faith Formation Team | Gail Thomas |
| Pastor Parish Relations Teams | Caitie Carciere & Joanne Matson |
| Worship Support Team | Sohni Yaylian |
| Stewardship Team | Open |
| Insurance Coordinator | Tony Given |
| Grounds Team | Barbara Whitson |
| Marketing Team | Open |
| Church History | Open |
| Membership Team | Jane Huneke |

2018 CHURCH STAFF TEAM & PROGRAM LEADERS

| Role/Ministry/Program | Name |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lead Minister | Rev. Benjamin Broadbent |
| Associate Minister | Rev. Rachel Knuth |
| Youth Director | Open |
| Minister of Music | Rev. Brian Plaugher |
| Keyboardist | J. Althea |
| Handbell Director | Karna Roa |
| Nursery Attendants | Various |
| Office Manager | Karin Seder |
| Custodian | Keith Blackstone |
| Bookkeeper | Jennifer Halleck |
| Internal Auditor | Ann Butterfield |
| Wedding Coordinator | Various |
| Memorial Service Coordinator | Various |
| Event Host | Various |
| Women's Fellowship Ministry | Chris Jenkins |
| Kindred Group Ministry | Open |
| Visitation Ministry | Joanne Matson |
| Women's Retreat | Various |
| Men's Retreat | Warren Brisbin |
| Family Camp | Various |
| Adult Mission Trip | Joyce Cox |
| Women's Bible Study | Joanne Matson |
| Apple Pies | Kathy Bell |
| Food Pantry | Suzanne Albin |
| Church Library | Various |

Above are the leadership roles, committees and teams approved at the April 15 Congregational meeting. This reference sheet may come in handy when you are looking for information on a particular area of leadership. See the inside back cover for more information.

Prayers of the People

Prayers for... *Glenda Elvy*, healing from a stroke; *Barbara Walton*, healing from surgery; *Will Plaugher*, on a cross-country bike trip; for *Carol Porter*, recovering from a fall; for *Joanne Feige*, facing surgery this month; for *Connie Blackstone*, undergoing treatments and now home, doing better; Peg Anderson's sister, *Harriet*, recovering from a heart attack; *Nancy Mathews*, recovering from a fall; Jane Huneke's brother *Bill*, recovering from surgery; prayers for Laurie Mitchell's mother; for *Barbara Zimmer*, recovering from surgery; for *Erich*, recurrence of multiple myeloma; for *Mike*, recovering from surgery; for *Dorothy*, in the hospital; prayers for *Monika & Al Valvivilla*, moving into a new apartment; prayers for *Lizann Bassham* for peace in her final days.

Condolences to... the family and friends of *Kevin Bench* who died on May 16.

UCC Golden Gate Association

The Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC is a member of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and more specifically, our church resides within the area of the Golden Gate Association (GGA) of the UCC.

The GGA is one of six Associations in the Northern California Nevada Conference. We are a community of people and 36 UCC churches along the Pacific coast from the Oregon border to the Santa Clara, California border, including San Francisco and the San Mateo Peninsula.

You now have the opportunity to serve on the board of the GGA and you don't even need to drive to a meeting – you can commute to the meeting electronically by either phone or via video with your computer.

Rev. Joseph Shore-Goss, Interim Pastor UCC at the United Church of Christ Petaluma serves on the nominating committee and would love to hear from you! Become a representative and connect to the wider church. Distance is no longer an excuse - join and represent our congregation as part of the Golden Gate association board.

To find out more, contact Rev. Joseph Shore-Goss: revjshoregoss@sonic.net to find out more.



JUNE 2018 WORSHIP

Worship happens Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Summer Godly Play follows Children's Message except on Sundays with Multi-Generational worship

Burst the Bubble – This summer we will burst the bubble on some topics that don't normally get discussed in church and will challenge one another to get outside our bubble and experience new perspectives.

June 3 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Musician Appreciation Sunday

As a multi-generational community, we worship God with music from the Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensemble, "Divine Connection" House Band, and more. Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon entitled "To Sing Is to Pray Twice."

June 10 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Bubble-Bursting Topic: Hunger

Today we celebrate Holy Communion and receive new members in to the life of our congregation. Rev. Broadbent preaches on Mark 3:20-35, "So Others Might Eat."

June 17 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day / MADD Camp Presentation

Children who participated in this year's Music, Arts, Dance & Drama (MADD) Camp present during worship this morning, led by Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister for Children & Families.

June 24 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost / Open & Affirming Sunday

Today Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Mark 4:35-41 entitled "Coming Out as Christian." Our Bubble-Bursting topic is "Full Inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer People."

Bubbles to be burst in July & August... Reproductive Freedom, Domestic Violence, Racism, Gun Violence, Fundamentalism, Poverty and more.





It's Apple Pie Time!!

August 9, 10, 11, 12

Our biggest fund-raiser of the year, the Apple Pies Event, is right around the corner. Each year, and for more than 40 years, The Community Church of Sebastopol bakes over 1600 pies for the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Fair. Money raised is used to fund camp scholarships, providing our youth with a great summer experience and help to offset costs for our Family Camp at Camp Caz.

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

Sign me up for the Apple Pies Event! By signing up and marking my days below, I will mark that on my calendar – and barring any emergency, I will be there for to help with this fun event.
I realize I may not get a phone call reminder.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ **Thursday** Eve., slicing apples
5-9pm
- ☐ **Friday**, slicing & making pies
7am-5pm (BBQ Hot Dog lunch at noon)
- ☐ **Friday** Eve., slicing apples
5-9pm

- ☐ **Saturday**, slicing & making pies
7am-5pm (BBQ Hot Dog lunch at noon)
- ☐ **Sunday**, slicing, bagging pies
8AM- Noon
- ☐ **Sunday Cleanup**
10 AM-2PM

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

- ☐ Friday baking
- ☐ Saturday baking

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

- ☐ Friday selling
- ☐ Saturday selling
- ☐ Sunday selling

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

Summer Godly Play!

We continue our Godly Play program during the 10:30am worship service, throughout the summer. After the Children's Sermon, children age Preschool-5th Grade are welcome to walk over to Room 5 for Godly Play. Parents and Grandparents, at the conclusion of worship, please sign-out your child from Room 5 – we will be releasing children to the adult they are connected to once they are signed out.



June 3 Multi-Gen Worship – all ages in the Sanctuary

June 10 Holy Trinity Storyteller: Pastor Rachel
Door Helper: Michael Ott

June 17 Multi-Gen Worship – all ages in the Sanctuary with VBS MADD Camp leaders

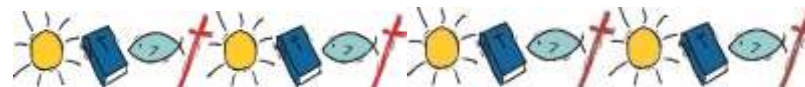
June 24 Saul Changes Storyteller: OPEN
Door Helper: OPEN

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.

Children's Worship Haiku

The children in Children's Worship created a lovely haiku as a reflection on the Season of Eastertide. May their poetry live on in our life of faith together!

*Empty tomb, new life
We see Jesus in new ways
Resurrection, Peace*



June Birthdays



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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Brian Plaughner | 14 Nathan Nelson |
| Lincoln Warner | 15 Bob Holland |
| 2 Keith Blackstone | Jamie Malone |
| Chris Hudlow | 16 Elise Lovejoy |
| 5 Brandon Matthies | Sophia Van Leeuwen |
| Chris Matthies | 17 Blythe Osner |
| 6 Brian Purcell | 18 Ainsley Curtis |
| Caleb Petersen | 19 Sandy Valinoti |
| Richie Goodell | 21 Olive Wilson |
| 8 Lucas Felciano | Alicia Sanchez |
| 9 Kasey Babcock | 22 Gary Bachelor |
| Ethan DelMonte | Beth Larssen |
| 10 Mark Stevens | 24 Bernie Hovden |
| 11 Marianne Petersilge | 26 Joe Plaughner |
| 12 Rachel Allen | 28 Juniper Gonzales |
| Matt Melone | 29 Marie Cotton |
| 13 Cassius Nelson | |
| Antonio Trevino | |



Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!




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 and Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the third Monday of the month. We meet at the Sebastopol Sr. Center for lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month except June, July and August.

Wednesday, June 7 at noon – Summer Potluck Picnic

Please bring an appetizer or salad. Our picnic will be at Marilyn McHugh's new house: 8225 Mill Station Rd. It is the first house that shares the driveway to her old house. RSVP to Marilyn at 829-1684.

Wednesday, June 13 at 3 pm

Card writers meet in the Women's Fellowship office with your favorite pen. Thank you to the April card writers and to Muriel Weaver for donating her lovely handmade cards.

Monday, June 18 at 10 am



Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Fireside Room to knit or crochet. Call **Joanne Matson** at 823-5249 or **Chris Jenkins** at 829-2230 for more information.

You are invited to join us for any or all of our activities – we'd love to see you!



Check us out on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/uccseb
and visit our website: www.uccseb.org.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is on break until September – but maybe you would like to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month for our new Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10 am to 12 pm in the Fireside Room.



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**, 707.861.9444.

Apple Pies Event August 9-10-11-12, 2018



Mark your calendar for this fun multi-generational event August 9-12 as we prepare and bake hundreds of Gravenstein apple pies for the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Not only is this event fun, but all proceeds fund our camp scholarships for Youth Summer Camps and Family Camp at Camp Cazadero.



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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. 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 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!

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

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

Registration closes: June 4

Sibling discount & scholarships available.



The Prodigal Child

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." Registration forms in the church office or online: www.uccseb.org.

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!).

For more information about our MADD Camp program, or to volunteer, please contact **Pastor Rachel** at rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

Inside the Music Program

By Rev. Brian Plaughter, Minister of Music

June 3 is Music Appreciation Sunday

Perhaps my very most favorite class in theological school was "Bach as Biblical Interpreter". We few students would sit in the balcony that holds the magnificent organ at San Francisco Theological Seminary, with the



professor peeling away piece after piece by Bach. It was heavenly. One time he demonstrated how he could seek out and remove a pipe that had gotten stuck in the "on" position.

I recently had the opportunity to enter our own organ loft at church. It is a lot more crowded with pipes than that balcony at the seminary! I was trailing after the pest inspector. The organ tuner had suspected termites on his most recent visit. At least for now, the bug guy thought there was no clear evidence of infestation in that location.

Being in amongst the inner workings of our organ reminded me of all of the complicated interlocking parts of the music program here at church. We have rank after rank of personalities, and abilities, and interests that come together to make our diverse and wonderful music program. There is a lot to it, but together it makes a harmonious whole. We're celebrating music and musicians on June 3 at church with Musician Appreciation Sunday, but really, we celebrate through music just about every time we gather. Please join me in extending appreciation to our church musicians on June 3, or any time at all.

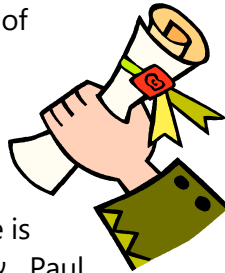
Grief Support Group

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.



Congratulation Graduates

Congratulations to our high school graduates of 2018! From Analy High School, **Ethan DelMonte**, son of Andy & Kristen DelMonte; **Maria Gordon**, the daughter of Suzanne Gordon and Bob Gordon, also graduating from Analy; **Matthew Kalemba**, son of Krista & Jeff Kalemba and the grandson of Sharon & Dennis Olson, graduates from Petaluma High School; **Ben Rasmus**, son of Fran & Dan Rasmus graduates from Analy; **Emma Steyn**, daughter of Manie & Laura Steyn graduates from Credo High School, as will **Zarah Saporro**; **Isaac Trevino**, son of Antonio & Michella Trevino will graduate from Analy; **Bennett Simpson**, son of Jennifer & Mike Simpson and grandson of Mike & Dianne Moore, graduates from Analy and Youth Group member **Oliver Stewart** will graduate from Piner High School.



Graduating from Santa Rosa JC with an AA degree is **Margaret Ahvenainen**, daughter of Eileen & Paul Ahvenainen; **Craig Beck**, grandson of Steve & Terry Beck, graduated cum laude from Fresno State University with a BA in History and Chicano & Latino Studies; **Breanne (Robert) Cassells**, granddaughter of Patty Raney and niece of Denelle Tognozzi graduated, from UC Berkeley with a BA in English; **Jamie Holmes**, our Sunday Nursery Attendant, graduated from Sonoma State University with a BS in Early Childhood Education; **Rita Purcell**, daughter of Jan Kahdeman & Brian Purcell, graduated from San Diego State University with a BS in Speech, Hearing & Language Science and Spanish. Rita plans to teach English in Columbia, South America before continuing to graduate school. Congratulations to all our graduates and their parents!

Sonoma County Gay Pride Event June 2

Join in the 31st annual Sonoma County Pride Parade on June 2, in downtown Santa Rosa on 4th Street. Parade starts at noon, followed by the Pride Festival from Noon to 8PM. The theme: *Together We Rise*.



**SONOMA
COUNTY
PRIDE**

The parade will include our congregation along with two other Sonoma County UCC churches. For more information visit: www.sonomacountypride.org.

♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥

♥ Thank you to **Stewart, Laurie & Charlotte Mitchell** for hosting a birthday fundraiser event for the Undocufund Project. For Charlotte's 13th birthday, family, friends and church members danced the night away to raise more than \$1,500 to assist the October fire survivors who are not able to access state or federal assistance. Fabulous! ♥ Thank you to **Bob Holland** for continuing to work on our watering system. ♥ Thank you to **Muriel Weaver** for putting our visitor bags together. ♥ Thank you to **Joanne Matson** and **Doris Rowe** for their weekly help at the church. ♥ Thank you to **Norma Watson** for washing our shower towels each week. ♥ Thank you to **Joyce Cox, Chris Jenkins, Bobbie Johanson, Joanne Matson** and **Nancy Shimetz** for covering the office while I was on vacation (I had a wonderful time) and it was a treat to come back to find everything in order! ♥ Thank you to **Andrew Liput** and **Chloe Madden** for their volunteer work at Camp Caz. ♥ Thank you to **Rosemary Manchester** for celebrating her 90th birthday at church with plans to do 90 projects on the church grounds to commemorate the occasion! Windows were washed, pews dusted, cobwebs gathered and many, many more projects tackled by helpers **Gary & Irma Bachelor, Hosanna Bauer, Joyce Cox, Joshua Fires, Jane Huneke, Bobbie Johanson, Christie Jones, Martha Kautz, Judy Peterson** and **Patty Raney**. What a way to celebrate your 90th birthday! ♥

♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥ Thank You ♥

In Case You Hadn't Heard....

I am excited to announce that on October 30, 2018, I will retire from my position as Office Manager at the Community Church of Sebastopol. I have always felt this was the place I was meant to be – working here has been more than just a job, it has been a blessing to me and has enriched my life in so many ways. I now feel the need to move on, not to another job, but on to other interests, my family, gardening, photography . . . there are a million things I want to do, and none of us is around forever!

I assure you, this won't be the last you see of me!

Karin Seder
Office Manager
Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC

Men's Group Monthly Meeting: June 6

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 & discussion in the Media Room. 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 June 6. Contact **Larry Stallings** with any questions 650.283.0941.



The group is planning a Fall Men's Retreat – stay tuned for more!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

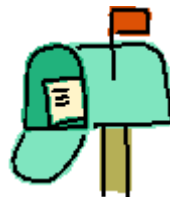
Our 3-time World Champion San Francisco Giants are ready for a new season of winning and we have tickets for two games! We are in Club Level, section 231, rows C & D for both games – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of transportation (\$86 + \$30) or you can just pay for the ticket and find your own way to the ballpark. Call **Karin Seder** in the church office to sign up at 823-2484 or 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.



Church Directories Available

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 or 707.823.2484.



During the summer months, our church choirs and music groups are on summer hiatus, providing you the opportunity to help shape worship for at least one Sunday this summer.

The music can be instrumental or choral, traditional or something new. It's a chance to show how a different style of music might support our worship experience.

Please fill in the form below indicating your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of Sundays. Our Minister of Music, Rev. Brian Plaugher, will contact you to secure the date. The completed form may be left in the collection plate or in the church office.

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

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Music plans (solo, folk band, etc) _____

June 10 _____ Aug 5 _____

June 24 _____ Aug 12 _____

July 1 _____ Aug 19 _____

July 8 _____ Aug 26 _____

July 15 _____ Sept 2 _____

July 29 _____

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday choice for Summer Music. Brian Plaugher will contact you to arrange the date.

Summer Camp!

Have you can signed up for Summer Camp yet?? Those Early Bird prices don't last forever!! Register for camp and sign up to work Apple Pies to earn 1/3 off the early bird registration – call **Karin** in the office: 707.823.2484 or office@uccseb.org to get the discount code.

And here's a tip: plan to mail in your registration and avoid up to \$27 in processing fees with the on-line registration.

An Exciting Proposal

The following proposal was made by Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister, to the Leadership Council at its meeting on May 16, 2018. The Council discussed it at length and discerned a shared sense of enthusiasm. Before approving the proposal, Council members determined that a next step was to invite the congregation, over the course of the summer, to share reactions and feedback to the proposal. Opportunities to share feedback will be communicated by the end of June.

Proposal

To initiate a Search Process to call a full-time Associate Minister for Faith Formation.

Rationale

Our church is in an exciting position. A new Lead Minister has been in place almost 2 years. Our Director of Youth Ministries recently left his position. Our Associate Minister has been building a robust children's ministry. Members' financial giving is strong. We have a new governance structure including a Leadership Council poised to provide strategic leadership. We want to build upon our children's programs, our history of engaged youth ministry, and the prevalence of many older members who are ready to take advantage of quality faith formation programs.

Why a called minister?

Our membership will be well-served by someone with theological training and experience leading ministry programs with a variety of ages in a local church setting.

Why full-time?

This will allow us to conduct a nation-wide search for the best available candidate.

Why Faith Formation?

Faith Formation is a newer way of talking about the variety of ways in which congregations help people of all ages and life stages to be formed in the Christian faith, including through education, worship, leadership, and service.

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What would the person in this position do?

This person's primary responsibility would be to lead, and to train lay people to lead, Faith Formation programs for children, youth, and adults including Sunday morning Faith Formation Hour programs as well as monthly and annual programs. To begin, the position emphasis would be 40% children, 40% youth, and 20% adult programs.

What would happen to our current Associate Minister?

Pastor Rachel's role would change to become Associate Minister for Pastoral Care. See Rachel's companion on the next page.

The following items weren't in the original proposal, but are additional considerations...

What will it cost to compensate a new full-time Associate Minister?

The cost to compensate will depend on the experience of the person we call and whether that person, and family, will require a health insurance benefit. Based on our current salary guidelines for all church staff, including called ministers, the range of cost is \$72,705 - \$105,551.

How will we afford that?

Our congregation is currently in a strong financial position. Members are giving generously and consistently to our church's ministry and mission. Each of the past two years have concluded with a budget surplus. One church member has given a \$50,000 gift to fund an Associate Minister Housing Fund which could enable a candidate to relocate to the area. There is reason to hope and believe that church members will increase their giving to fund this position.

When might this person start?

Search processes are notoriously unpredictable, but the hope would be to call a new person sometime in the first half of 2019.

What are the next steps?

Think about it. Pray about it. Talk about it. Share your feedback with members of the Leadership Council and with the pastors. Share your hopes, your concerns, and what you would be willing to give to help bring this proposal to fruition.

See Pastor Rachel's comments on the next page.

From Pastor Rachel

Dear Friends,

I want to express to you my full support for the Leadership Council's proposal to begin considering the possibility of calling a full-time Associate Minister for Faith Formation. Our church is growing, and this position will enable us to be on the front edge of where we are already heading. These are exciting times for our church! A full-time Associate Minister, whose ministry encompasses Children, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation, would provide appropriate staff support to the ministries growing in our church – and would create an attractive package for high-quality candidates in the field. So, I am a big YES for our church calling a full-time Associate for Faith Formation! Hurrah!

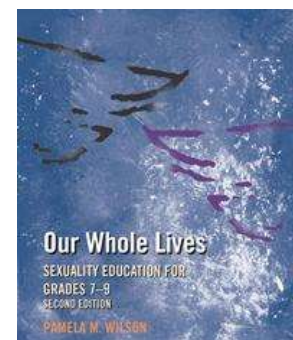
And, I feel that my call is shifting toward pastoral care. I would be thrilled to be able to remain on staff as an Associate Minister for Pastoral Care, where I might visit our members in their homes, create healing blessings, and offer staff support to the caring ministries of our church. Such a position would allow me to continue in a part-time capacity, doing work that I love, while allowing me to attend to my "first call" as mother of four children. And, I have experienced deep gladness serving our church's children and families, and will continue to nurture and care for children's ministry with gusto and verve and so much love, until my current position concludes.

As the Leadership Council explores the possibilities of expanding our ministerial staff, please know that I am whole-heartedly in support of their work! And I am grateful for the ways the Spirit is moving in our church – growing us, stretching us, expanding us in ways we never dreamed before. Praise God!

In Faith,
Pastor Rachel

Informational OWL Meeting June 3 ♦ 9 am

Our church will be offering Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 8-9th Graders during the 2018-19 program year. Parents of rising 8-9th graders are invited to an informational meeting in the Chapel on June 3rd at 9am. At this meeting you'll have a chance to preview the curriculum books, get an overview of the program, and meet the leaders.



Come learn more about what OWL is all about. There will be an official Orientation for Parents and Students in the Fall, before the program begins, but this is a great preview!

We are delighted to announce our OWL co-leaders: **Andy DelMonte** and **Kendall Tripathi-Clark** who will be leading OWL with our 8-9th graders in the fall.

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.

Happy Days Photo Albums

Anyone who had preschoolers attending Happy Days in the 80's & 90's are welcome to check out the photo albums – you can find the pictures you want or take the entire album. The albums are currently in the Fireside Room. Give Karin a call just to make sure the room is open – 707.823.2484. After July 15, the albums will no longer be available.



June 17



Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the years of support and prayers while Keith's mother, Lois Lindstrom, experienced so many health challenges, and for the extra love during her passing. Our family was lifted up by this community along the journey with Lois, and we are repeatedly blessed by your compassion. Thank you for your tender words and expressions of kindness during this time of serious losses. A celebration of life honoring Lois was held at St. John's UMC in Rohnert Park, and officiated by Rev. Jola Bortner.

We want to add gratitude for your concern as our friend Kevin Bench rapidly declined and just passed. Kevin enjoyed being part of this church (as well as the greater UCC), and would drive from the East Bay to Sebastopol for church events and regular Sundays. He gladly served here as an additional pianist and backup sound technician, loved playing accordion in summer worship, and always had pink boxes of apple pies in his freezer. Kevin was Keith's best friend for over four decades, and he was truly dedicated to helping all types of people. His memorial service will be in June or July at Hillcrest Congregational Church, UCC, in Pleasant Hill.

A special thank you to Rev. Plaugher and our Chancel Choir for being a wonderful team and providing steady care to us. Thanks also to Rev. Boal, Karin, Sharon, Bobbie, Hosanna, Lisa and Chris, Dorothy, Edythe, Nancy, Kathy and Kathy. Together, including even more church folks, we are a gentle circle of peace.

With appreciation,

Keith Blackstone and Sonja Larssen

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.



Summer Artwork

During the Summer of 2018, our worship will focus on "Bursting the Bubble." We will be taking on topics such as gun violence, reproductive freedom, systemic racism, and climate change. We are asking church members to share original art pieces to include on our bulletin covers that convey thinking outside the box, bursting the bubble, reimagining what is possible.

Please submit your artwork as a high resolution digital photo to **Karin Seder**, Office Manager, at office@uccseb.org, by June 1. You may also bring your artwork into the office to be scanned. If you have questions about the overall project, contact **Pastor Benjamin** at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org or 719.238.5347.



Director of Youth Ministry POSITION OPEN

The Community Church of Sebastopol, a progressive, Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ, seeks a Director of Youth Ministry to join our collaborative team of youth ministry volunteers and pastoral staff as we continue a tradition of dynamic youth ministry in Sonoma County. Help nurture and evolve our programs for Middle and High School Youth as part of a congregation that isn't afraid to believe, ask questions, and put our faith into action.



- Job Closing: June 30, 2018
- Scope of Position: 15 hours/week
- Pay Rate: Starts @ \$17.31/hr
- Start date: August 1, 2018
- Send resume to: pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org by June 30
- Job description and qualifications can be found online:

<https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2018.Director.of.Youth.Ministry.Posting.pdf>

Safe Parking Volunteers Needed

Homelessness is an ongoing problem in our county and has been made worse by the fires of last year.

The Community Church, with help from Catholic Charities in Santa Rosa, will be restarting our Safe Parking program. Safe Parking will allow people that have no other place to sleep, other than in their car, to stay the night in a safe environment on our church property. The program will allow up to 5 vehicles to park from 8:00pm to 8:00am. Many participating in this program are families with jobs and children attending school. All participants will be screened by Catholic Charities and must participate in Catholic Charities' intake program to avail themselves to services that will hopefully find them a home.

Safe Parking at our church will only work if we have Site Volunteers. Site Volunteers will be needed to welcome participants, show them where to park, provide them with a Safe Parking Dashboard Placard and show them how to get access to bathrooms. Site Volunteers would also be asked to drive through the lot once a night to see that only vehicles registered in the program are on the premises.

Our goal is to have enough volunteers so no single volunteer would be needed more than one night a week.

Please consider helping us to do our part for our neighbors in need. This is such a small gesture on our part and provides the means of helping a family regain their footing in the community. Contact **Gary Bachelor** 707.235.3582.



Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers add beauty to our worship space and are a wonderful way for you to honor a special person in your life. Sign up on the flower chart in the church narthex to sponsor flowers (\$75) and Karin in the church office will contact you and prepare a note to be included in the Sunday worship bulletin. A member of the Flower Committee will contact you for any special requests and prepare a beautiful arrangement you can take home with you after church.



MISSION & OUTREACH

The committee for Mission & Outreach meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Fireside Room, January through May and then again August through December. The group does not meet during the months of June and July, but outreach activities continue year-round. You may contact our Mission & Outreach team by email: outreach@uccseb.org.



Name Tags?

If your name tag has come up missing, let us know so we can get you a new one! 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 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 Plaugher 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: _____

June 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 Trinity Sunday Middle School Mission Trip to Monterey 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Community Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship | 28 Memorial Day - Office Closed Middle School Mission Trip to Monterey | 29 | 30 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble | 31 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Grief Group | 1 10:00 AM UkeStars | 2 12:00 PM Sonoma County Pride Parade |
| 3 2nd Sunday After Pentecost Music Appreciation Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Multi-Gen Community Worship 11:45 AM Pastor-Parish Relations Team - Rachel 12:00 PM MADD Camp Counselor Training | 4 | 5 | 6 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble 5:00 PM Pastor-Parish Relations Team - Ben 5:30 PM Men's Dinner & Discussion Group | 7 7:00 PM Grief Group | 8 10:00 AM UkeStars | 9 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch |
| 10 3rd Sunday After Pentecost New Members Received 9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Multi-Gen Worship & Communion 10:45 AM Summer Godly Play | 11 9:00 AM VBS - MADD Camp | 12 9:00 AM VBS - MADD Camp 4:00 PM Pastor-Parish Relations Team - Benjamin | 13 9:00 AM VBS - MADD Camp 4:45 PM Handbell Ensemble | 14 NCNC-UCC Annual Gathering 9:00 AM VBS - MADD Camp 7:00 PM Grief Group | 15 July/Aug Newsletter Deadline NCNC-UCC Annual Gathering 9:00 AM VBS - MADD Camp 10:00 AM UkeStars | 16 NCNC-UCC Annual Gathering |
| 17 4th Sunday After Pentecost NCNC-UCC Annual Gathering 9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Community Worship with MADD Camp | 18 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry | 19 | 20 10:00 AM Staff Team 6:30 PM Leadership Council | 21 7:00 PM Grief Group | 22 10:00 AM UkeStars | 23 |
| 24 5th Sunday After Pentecost Open & Affirming Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Community Worship 10:45 AM Summer Godly Play | 25 | 26 | 27 10:00 AM Staff Team | 28 10:00 AM SF Giants Baseball Game 7:00 PM Grief Group | 29 10:00 AM UkeStars | 30 |



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

Family Camp

AUG 31 & SEPT 1&2, 2018

Join us at Family Camp – the ‘family’ in Family Camp is our church family – singles, doubles, traditional families, non-traditional families and parts of families are all welcome! Come join our big family and all the fun at Family Camp!

CONTINUE THE FAMILY TRADITION OR START A NEW TRADITION –
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN AT FAMILY CAMP!

Family Camp
All Ages Welcome!

| Names (Family rate implies one household and includes college students dependent on parents' income) | Ages (18 & under) | Comments (i.e., will bring port-a-crib, need wheelchair access, cannot walk far, cabin mate requests, special dietary needs, will bring tent, need bottom bunk, cabin requests, etc.) |
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Address: _____ Phone: _____
(Please fill in address, even if you are on mailing list.)

- We request a \$50 non-refundable deposit
- Volunteer for Apple Pies and earn 30% discount
- Camp fees include use of facilities, two nights lodging, six meals and all materials
- Saturday Only includes day use of facilities, 3 meals and all materials
- Additional scholarships available – call the church office at 823-2484
- Mail registration & check to Community Church
P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473

Camp Fees

Total cost for my family \$ _____
Additional amount I can contribute \$ _____
Amount enclosed \$ _____
Balance due \$ _____

Must be paid in full by August 23

Family Camp Fee Schedule

| Actual Family Camp Cost | Apple Pies Camp Discount | Saturday Only (includes 3 meals) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| \$ 95 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free) | \$ 60 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free) | \$35 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free) |
| \$150 Individuals 12+ | \$100 Individuals 12+ | \$45 Individuals 12+ |
| \$490 Family Rate (one household) | \$324 Family Rate (one household) | |

Volunteering for our Apples Pies event earns you a 30% Camp Scholarship! Call the church office now or email: office@uccseb.org to sign up. The Apple Pies event is **FUN** – with something for all ages, plus, you earn a great camp discount! Volunteer for Apple Pies – August 9-10-11-12.

We offer additional scholarships to individuals for whom, after working Apple Pies, find that camp fees may still present a hardship. We want everyone who would like to go - be able to attend Family Camp. Contact Karin in the church office with any questions – 823-2484 ext. 100.

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