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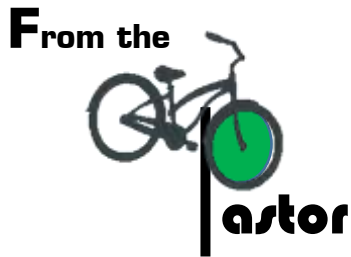
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Ready to Launch

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Senior Minister

In a sense, our church has 4 different annual "years":

1. The Liturgical year, Advent through Reign of Christ.
2. The Fiscal year, January 1 through December 31.
3. The Governance year, which runs between late January Annual Meetings.
4. The Program year, which begins Launch Sunday and runs through the end of May (summer is its own thing.)

On September 9, Launch Sunday, we launch our program year with Faith Formation programs for all ages, Chancel Choir and Handbell Ensemble, Children's Worship, and more. It's an exciting time to be the church as folks return from vacation and the church gets into the rhythm of things.

This 2018-19 program year, look for these new features of our church's ministries:

- Coordinated youth ministry programs under the leadership of our Youth Ministry Team, volunteer Youth Leaders, and Emily Syal, our Youth Group Coordinator.
- Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith programs for Grades 8-9, facilitated by Andy DelMonte & Kendall Tripathi-Clark, and Kindergarten – Preschool, facilitated by Brooke Bell & Pete Emerson.
- The possibility, through a robust response to our Annual Appeal this fall, to enable us to retain our current Associate Minister with a new focus on Pastoral Care, and to call a new full-time Associate Minister to nurture Faith Formation programs for children, youth, and adults.

10-9-8... Do you feel it? Those butterflies of anticipation that happen right before a rocket launches. 7-6-5... A launch takes trust – in God, in others, in ourselves. 4-3-2... It's exciting, and scary, and totally worth doing. So here we go. Ready to launch?

Joys and Concerns

Condolences for the family of **Bob Thomas** who passed away on Sunday, August 12. A memorial service was held on August 19, officiated by Pastor Benjamin. Condolences to the family of **Don Victor** who died in August, a memorial service is planned for September 8. Condolences to the family of **Alec Isabeau** who died at the age of 57; to friends and family of **Larry** and his neighbor **Maria**, both died in July; the family of **Larry Hill** who died recently; **Armando** who lost his wife.

Prayers for Laurie Mitchell's mother and **Doris Rowe**, both recently moved into assisted living; for **Celia** (age 23) diagnosed with cancer; for **Connie Blackstone**, **Margaret Murakami** and **Helen Sokolis**, all recovering at home with health issues; for **Glenda Elvy** in declining health; **Andrew Burns**, recovering from a car accident; **Senor Francisco**, hoping to walk again; **David Kauwe**, recovering from heart surgery; **Corrine Kauwe**, recovering from surgery; **Kathy Anderson**, continued health issues; **Pete Rinaldi**, in hospice care; **Suzanne**, diagnosed with cancer; **Jan Sweeney**, recovering from shoulder surgery; prayers for **Barbara Walton**, awaiting test results; Yvette Morris's mother, **Daphne**, with health issues; **Barbara Zimmer**, facing surgery; **Gregory Tarantino**, diagnosed with cancer; **Glenn Waring**, recovering from hand surgery; **Mike & Melissa Anderson** and all those who lost their homes to fire.

Congratulations to **Rev. Ginny Curinga** upon her retirement; Congratulations to **Keith Blackstone**; Prayers for **Ken Allen** as he climbs Mount Rainer.

Congratulations to **Gene & Betty Nelson**, grandparents, and **Becky & Tom Bowen**, parents of Cooper Nelson Bowen, born July 23 at 8 lbs, 2 oz and 20 ½ inches. Cooper was welcomed home by big brother Austin.

Congratulations to **Danelle Wilson**, daughter of **Edwin & Diana Wilson** and granddaughter of **Barbara Wilson**, married to Torin Waters on May 5, 2018, graduated on June 14th from the UCSF Pediatric residency program in Fresno and moved to Iowa City to a new job. The newlyweds are in the process of moving into their new home:

Drs. Danelle Wilson Waters and Torin Waters
1305 Franklin Street
North Liberty, IA 52317.

SEPTEMBER 2018 WORSHIP

Worship happens Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
*Children's Worship follows Children's Message except on
Sundays with Multi-Generational worship*

September 2 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

While participants at Family Camp worship at Camp Cazadero's Vesper Point, we gather in the "mother ship" as a multi-generational community and celebrate Holy Communion. Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister, leads this service focused on wilderness as a place beyond the reach of empire.

September 9 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Launch Sunday

Today Rev. Broadbent preaches on James 2:1-10 the first in a series of 4 sermons on our church's mission statement. Today's focus: "To worship God."

September 16 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Today Rev. Broadbent preaches on Mark 8:27-38 the second in a series of 4 sermons on our church's mission statement. Today's focus: "Share the love of Jesus Christ." Adult Mission Trip participants share their experience building houses this summer.

September 23 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Today Emily Syal, our Youth Ministry Coordinator and 3rd year PSR student, preaches on Mark 9:30-37 the third in a series of 4 sermons on our church's mission statement. Today's focus: "Teaching the message of Jesus to all ages."

September 30 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Today Rev. Broadbent preaches on Mark 9:38-50 the last in a series of 4 sermons on our church's mission statement. Today's focus: "Putting our faith into action."

Coming in October... World Communion Sunday, Annual Appeal Launch Sunday, Pastor Emeritus presentation, New Members join, All Saints/Souls Sunday.

APPLE PIES EVENT REPORT

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?? WE DID IT AGAIN!

Another year, and another round of Apple Pies – this year we made just over 1,571 pies, not quite as many as last year and we sold every last one! As soon as we have all the bills paid, we will have a net total to report and add to our camp scholarship fund. Great Job!



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

Our Apple Pies scholarships sent 42 youth to camp this summer, some for their very first camp experience! The Community Church is the largest supporter of the UCC camping program for youth at Camp Caz. And we're not done yet – our Family Camp (Aug 31 – Sept 2) also benefits from our Apple Pie scholarships. If sleeping in cabins, on bunk beds is not for you, we do have a Saturday only rate for those who want to come up to play for the day. Thanks again to our Pie Committee:



Kathy Bell & Kathy Matthies – Co-Chairs; with

- Lloyd Lerum & Keith Blackstone - the Apple Guys
- Ellen Stillman & Paula Berndt - Kitchen Supervisors
- Judy Peterson & Denelle Tognozzi – Fair Booth Coordinators
- Pat Furber, Bobbie Johanson, Beth Larssen, Marian McDonald, Judy Rice, Volunteer Supervisors
- Andy DelMonte – Baker Organizer
- Ben Broadbent – Head BBQ er

Thanks to all our peelers and pie makers, crimpers, slicers and box makers, bakers, sellers and drivers – it takes everyone's help to make this event the success it is.



Launch Sunday

Join us on Sunday, September 9, for Launch Sunday as we kick off the new program year starting with our Faith Formation Hour at 9:00 am. Worship

for all ages is at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Following worship, we celebrate our new beginnings with a "Launch Lunch" for the entire community. Our programs this year and will include:

- Nursery Care (birth – age 4) 8:45 am - 12:00 pm
- Monthly Multi-Generational Worship with Holy Communion (all ages) 10:30 – 11:45 am
- Our Whole Lives: Sexuality & Our Faith (Grade K/1 & 8/9) – see schedule within this newsletter
- Godly Play (Preschool – 3rd Grade) Sundays 9:00 – 10:15 am
- Sunday School (4th & 5th Grades) Sundays 9:00 – 10:15 am
- Chancel Choir (teens & adults) Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Handbell Ensemble (teens & adults) Wednesdays 4:45 – 7:00 pm
- Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8) Sundays 9:00 – 10:15 am
- Sunday Bible Study (adults) Sundays 9:00 – 10:15 am
- Women's Bible Study (adults) Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Service of Lament and Comfort (all ages) TBA
- Men's Retreat (adults) September 21-23, 2018
- Women's Retreat (adults) January 18-20, 2019

Launch Lunch Helpers

Can you provide some help with preparation, set up or clean up for our Launch Lunch? Kathy Matthies would like your help – please fill out the info below and drop in the collection plate, bring to the office or email **Kathy Matthies**: KathleenMatthies57@gmail.com.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

___ I can help with set up on Saturday @ 3pm

___ I can help with food prep on Saturday @ 3 pm

___ I can help Sunday morning with last minute prep

___ I can help with clean up

SEPTEMBER



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| 2 Mary McMillon | 17 Katy Nestor |
| 3 Sophia Broadbent-Bell | 20 Max Hildago |
| 4 Greg Davis | 21 Tyler Kalembo |
| 5 Lorin McClendon | Judy Hawkins |
| Kris Stoll | 22 Adrienne Sopinski |
| 7 Jane Huneke | 23 Carleen Madsen |
| Karna Dawson | Henry Allen |
| Will Whitehorn | Mark Murakami |
| 8 Walt Taddeucci | Julie Reimer |
| Catherine Reznik | 26 Alicia Petersen |
| 9 Renee Murakami | Drew Thomas |
| 10 Gregg Yaylian | Spencer Allen |
| Michelle Bowman | 29 Edwin Wilson |
| 11 Sheina Curtis | Scott McPherson |
| 13 Kathy Bell | Jonah Knuth |
| 14 Fran Rasmus | 30 Carmen Yeager |
| 15 Henry Knuth | |
| 16 Josh Hoyden | |



Baked Goods for Sunday Coffee Hour

We need to stock up with goodies to share during our Coffee Hour! If you have cookies, cake or some kind of treat we can serve after church, please bring it by the church wrapped for the freezer and we can save it for next Sunday. Thanks!



2018 MENS SPIRITUAL RETREAT

September 21-23, 2018 Westminster Woods
16510 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA, 95465

THEME: *5 Habits for Finding God in Everyday Life.* The retreat will be led by Chris Huber who has an extensive background with men's issues. There will be a variety of spiritual practices, time for discussion and contemplative prayer, along with good food and music located in a contemplative and beautiful setting. All you need to attend is a longing to experience more of Jesus in everyday life.



FACILITY: WESTMINSTER WOODS is located in the redwoods of western Sonoma County, near the Russian River and the Sonoma Coast. Established in 1946 and located in the charming town of Occidental along Dutch Bill Creek.

Men's Spiritual Retreat Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Address _____

Any special needs: _____

FEE: \$230 (includes all meals) a \$100 non-refundable deposit -(Required to hold a place. Balance due September 7, 2018)

TRANSPORTATION: Carpooling will be arranged by Warren Brisbin.

____ I am interested in carpooling: Yes ____ No ____

____ I would like to have a ride.

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

Please make checks payable to The Community Church for \$230 with a notation in the memo line: 2018 Men's Retreat and drop off in the office or mail to P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473. For questions contact **Warren Brisbin** at 707.483.4461 or GBrisbin@sonic.net.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's Worship for children Preschool-5th Grade resumes on Launch Sunday, September 9th! Children begin worshipping with their families in the Sanctuary, then are invited to continue in the Chapel after the Children's Message. In Children's Worship there is music, movement, prayer, and Communion, intended to offer children an age-appropriate experience of the Divine. The children then walk back to the Sanctuary to rejoin their families before the Benediction. All children from Preschool-5th Grade are welcome to join Children's Worship!

GODLY PLAY RETURNS AT 9:00AM!

Godly Play returns to the 9:00-10:15am time for the program year (through May), in Room 5! Godly Play is a Montessori-based Christian storytelling method with handmade story pieces and a gentle pace. Children experience a story, respond in art and play, and share a "feast" of matzoh and water. All children from Preschool-5th Grade are welcome to join Godly Play! If you're interested in joining our Godly Play ministry, please contact **Pastor Rachel**: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.



Date	Story	Teachers
9 am Sept 9	Circle of the Church Year	<i>Storyteller:</i> Terri Harper <i>Door Helper:</i> Sheina Curtis
9 am Sept 16	Holy Family	<i>Storyteller:</i> Terri Harper <i>Door Helper:</i> Sheina Curtis
9 am Sept 23	Creation	<i>Storyteller:</i> Terri Harper <i>Door Helper:</i> Sheina Curtis
9 am Sept 30	Ark & Flood	<i>Storyteller:</i> Terri Harper <i>Door Helper:</i> Sheina Curtis

ART AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Muriel Weaver will display an art project on Launch Sunday in the Narthex, reflecting particular moments in her life - a cooperation between her imagination and the Creative Spirit. Most of the pieces being shown are playfully put together without preconceived ideas or agenda.

Stories are told with art materials, mixed media and collage. The companion writings are generally stream of consciousness words, taken from clues in the piece after it is finished.

What is your story in God? How do you express it?



GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief Counselors **Harry & Susanna Simms** are available on an on-call basis to help 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 contact Harry or Susanna at 707.829.7769 to make arrangements to meet in either a group setting, or one on one.



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 _____



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.

The next meeting for Mission & Outreach will be on September 10 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Become part of something big – join Mission & Outreach!

COURT ACCOMPANIMENT SUPPORT TRAINING

Would you be willing to accompany someone to court? The Faith in Action Team is looking for people who would be willing to go to court with immigrants for cases not related to immigration. People without legal status are afraid to appear in court for other issues which increases their risk for deportation. We are looking for people who would attend a training, and be willing to accompany people to court in teams of 2 or 3.

Training; Sunday September 9, 2:00-4:00 in our sanctuary. Contact **Joyce Cox** for further information: b-j-cox@att.net.

JOIN THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH

Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice - A Global Day of Action



September 8

The North Bay Organizing Project is providing free buses to the People's Climate March on September 8th in San Francisco. Meet at the Park and Ride at 1350 Maple Avenue in Santa Rosa, the parking lot under the freeway in front of the fair grounds. Free tickets are necessary and can be obtained from eventbright.com. Choose *Santa Rosa Events*, Scroll to see *Free Events* and click on *Rise for Climate*.

Contact **Joyce Cox** for further information: b-j-cox@att.net.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Registration Forms

Attention Parents! Please fill out a registration form for your child, so that the Children's Faith Formation Team (ChilFFAT) can build an accurate database of participants in our programs. You can look for the Children's Faith Formation Team (ChilFFAT) table on Launch Sunday, and in the Narthex every Sunday in September. Completed forms can also be placed in **Pastor Rachel's** box in the church office. Questions? Contact: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

JOIN AN AWESOME TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!

If you are an adult interested in joining the teams who work with our Godly Play and Children's Worship programs, the Children's Faith Formation Team (ChilFFAT) welcomes your participation! We're looking for both long-term and short-term volunteers to help sustain our programs. The Children's Faith Formation Team (ChilFFAT) offers training and information for volunteers. All volunteers who work with children are required to complete a background check. Please contact **Pastor Rachel** for more information about joining our children's program as a volunteer: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.



CALLING ALL NURSERY SUBSTITUTES!

We are aiming to deepen our church's base of substitute Nursery Attendants. Substitutes are placed on a list, and are contacted on an as-needed basis when our regular Nursery Attendants are unavailable to cover a shift (8:45am-12noon on Sundays.) We are able to offer an hourly wage for Nursery substitutes. Qualified candidates have a love for babies & toddlers, work well with a partner, are over 18 and obtain a background check with the church. If you are interested in being a sub in our Nursery, please contact **Pastor Rachel**: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

OWL

Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith

We are delighted to be offering comprehensive sexuality education at two levels this Fall: K-1 and 8-9! Kindergarten & 1st Grade OWL will take place in Room 6. For more information or to register, please contact **Pastor Rachel**: rachelknuth@uccseb.org.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade OWL Tentative Schedule:

TBA	9:00-11:30am	Parent & Child Orientation Program	Parents attend an orientation workshop with their children, Pastor Rachel, Brooke Bell & Pete Emerson
Oct 6	9:00-11:30am	Our Wonderful Bodies, Part 1 Our Wonderful Bodies, Part 2	Children, Brooke Bell & Pete Emerson
Oct 13	9:00-11:30am	Healthy Bodies, Safe Bodies Families	Children, Brooke Bell & Pete Emerson
Oct 20	9:00-11:30am	Families & Feelings Babies & Families	Children, Brooke Bell & Pete Emerson
Oct 27	9:00-11:30am	Birth of a Baby Celebrations!	Children, Brooke Bell & Pete Emerson

8th and 9th Grade OWL is a series of 25 workshops that will take place from September 9-December 2, in a combination of Sunday afternoons and weekend retreats.

Registration for 8-9th Grade OWL closes September 3rd. To sign up, please contact the church office: office@uccseb.org. For more information, please contact anyone on the OWL Team: Pastor Rachel, Brooke Bell, or Kristen DelMonte.

The 8th and 9th Grade OWL schedule is on the following page.

OWL

Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith

Here is the September schedule of 8-9th Grade OWL:

Sept 9	12-2:30pm	Parent Orientation	Parents-only, Pastor Rachel, Kendall Tripathi-Clark, Andy DelMonte, OWL Team
Sept 15 & 16	8am Saturday-2pm Sunday	What is Sexuality? Examining Values The Language of Sexuality Anatomy & Physiology Personal Concerns about Puberty Body Image	Youth, Kendall Tripathi-Clark, Andy DelMonte, parent chaperones
Sept 23	12-2	Gender Identity	Youth, Kendall Tripathi-Clark, Andy DelMonte
Sept 30	12-2	Gender Expression, Roles, & Stereotypes	Youth, Kendall Tripathi-Clark, Andy DelMonte

For more information, please contact anyone on the OWL Team: **Pastor Rachel** (rachelknuth@uccseb.org), **Brooke Bell** (bellbrooke@aol.com), or **Kristen DelMonte** (kristendelmonte@gmail.com.)

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.



WHO IS DAYANI CRISTAL?

West County Rapid Response Network is proud to host a free moving showing of "Who is Dayani Cristal?" thanks to the generosity of the Rialto Cinema. Please join us to see this powerful movie on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 6:30pm at the Rialto Theater.

Reservations and tickets (free) are required, so please contact **Joyce Cox**: b-j-cox@att.net by September 20.

The West County Rapid Response Network is part of the North Bay Rapid Response Network organized in recent months to provide assistance to the estimated 38,000 undocumented immigrants living in Sonoma County.

This Sundance Film Festival documentary winner retraces the steps of "Dayani Cristal" who walked from his home in Central America into the Sonora Desert "corridor of death" while attempting to immigrate to the United States.



WHO IS DAYANI CRISTAL?

A FILM BY
GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL
AND MARC SILVER

Men's Group Monthly Meeting: September 5

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 September 5. Contact **Larry Stallings** with any questions 650.283.0941.



Neighbors In Need

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

The 2018 theme is "Love of Neighbor." Our congregation will receive the NIN offering on two Sundays, September 30 and October 7, 2018 as part of our World Communion Sunday observance.

UKULELE GROUP MEETS ON FRIDAYS

The UkeStars will continue during the summer 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.



Thank you to garden helpers **Keenan & Patty Foster** along with **Bob Holland** for keeping the church grounds looking so nice. ♥ Thank you to our towel washing brigade, keeping our shower users supplied with clean towels: **Irma**

Bachelor, Jerry Coleman, Norma Watson and **Barbara Wilson**. ♥ Thank you to all our **Apple Pie volunteers** – great job!



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.

Wednesday, September 12 at 3:00 pm –

Card writers meet in the Women's Fellowship office with your favorite pen. Thank you to the August card writers – we hope to see you again!

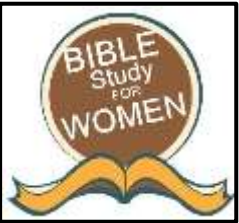
Monday, September 17 at 10:00 am

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!



Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study will meet beginning September 19 at 10 am in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome.

The topic for our fall study will be "The Mystery of God and Pain & Suffering. In addition to studying related scripture, we will use Barbara Brown Taylor's

book, *God in Pain*, as a resource guide.

Questions? Please contact **Joanne Matson** at 823-5249.

2018-19 Youth Ministry Mission, Values & Goals

The Community Church of Sebastopol, United Church of Christ

At an event on Saturday, July 28, 2018, a group of youth, parents, volunteer youth leaders, and members of the Youth Ministry Team gathered with the Lead Minister to discern the following mission, values, and goals of our church's Youth Ministry for the coming year.

Mission

The Youth Ministry of The Community Church of Sebastopol is an intentional and inclusive Christian community committed to creating a safe place for sharing God's love for all, inspiring service to others, developing faith, and nurturing relationships.

Values

These core values guide every aspect of our Youth Ministry:

- Love
- Community
- Safety
- Relationships
- Faith
- Service

Goals

Our goals for the coming program year are:

- To reach and maintain an average of 10 participants in weekly programs for each of our Middle and High School Youth Groups. (Current rosters have 24 young people per group.)
- To plan and realize Missions Trips for each of our Middle and High School youth groups. (Process begins in the fall. Trips happen in May – July.)
- To recruit, train, and nurture 3 regular adult volunteer leaders for each of our Middle and High School Youth Groups.

Key Participants

This mission, along with these values and goals, are shared by these key participants:

- Middle & High School Youth Group Participants & their Parents
- Adult Volunteer Youth Leaders
- Youth Ministry Team Members
- Lead Minister & Associate Minister for Children & Families
- Council Member for Faith Formation
- Members of The Community Church of Sebastopol

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

Call the office now so you don't miss out on all the fun!

Dear Community Church of Sebastopol Youth and Families,

I am beyond thrilled to be working with you this coming year as your Youth Group Coordinator. I already feel blessed by all of your presence and have good feelings about the year to come! I know I have met a number of you already, but for those who do not yet know me, let me share a little bit about myself. I grew up in Wisconsin (and yes, I do LOVE cheese) but was living in Michigan before moving out to the West Coast. I enjoy hiking and being in the outdoors so much so that I have brought the outdoors into my small apartment with a small vegetable garden and 30 houseplants. I also have a cat (Mara) who I brought to the United States with me from Kenya and a husky/lab mix puppy-at-heart (Marci) adopted from Ohio. I am in my third and final year of seminary at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley with the goal of becoming a pastor in the UCC, or just working forever in youth ministry (or both)!

I have been involved with youth ministry ever since I was considered a youth myself. The funny thing is, I never thought that I would be here in this position. I was very shy (invisible, almost) all through middle school and high school. One day, my youth pastor approached me and said, "Hey, I signed you up to be part of a youth drama team because I think you would be good at it." I thought she was crazy. Why would I, a shy person, do anything drama related? Turns out this drama team that she wanted me to be a part of would help lead a middle school retreat of 150 middle schoolers... I was terrified! But my youth pastor dragged me, nervous and shaking, all the way to Pilgrim Center (Wisconsin's version of Camp Caz), and I LOVED it. I have been hooked on youth ministry ever since. Because of my youth pastor's initial push, my life's journey took me to Kenya, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and India working with grassroots service organizations. I served on the Wisconsin Conference Youth Ministry team and organized middle school and high school retreats. Now, I am pursuing a degree in ministry with the goals of becoming a pastor.

I am dedicated to empowering YOU(th) to strive toward your greatest selves so you may be leaders of change in your own lives and communities. I hope that throughout this coming year, you all will find (or at least begin exploring) your own way of living out your life's greatest passions in service and love to yourself, the wider community, and to our Creator.

... and we will get this wondrous journey started with lunch on Launch Sunday September 9th!

Peace and blessings, Emily

Upcoming Youth Group Events



Family Camp - August 31 - September 2

To youth (Grades 6-12) who are registered for Family Camp, I will be there! During the scheduled programming time, we can meet and talk about what you all want to get out of Youth Group this coming year!

Launch Sunday - September 9

All youth (Grades 6-12) and parents are invited to gather in the Youth Lounge from 9-10:15 am on Launch Sunday – just to hang out before worship. Give me a chance to get to know you and vice versa! Then join us for Launch Lunch after worship. We will sit together in Memorial Hall, eat lunch, and talk about the upcoming year of Youth Programming

Youth Groups Meet - September 16

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Meet in the Youth Lounge at 9-10:15AM

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meet in the Youth Lounge at 12-2PM**

**please note the time change from when it has met in the past

Youth Groups Meet - September 23

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Meet in the Youth Lounge at 9-10:15AM

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meet in the Youth Lounge at 12-2PM**

**please note the new time

Youth Groups Meet - September 30

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Meet in the Youth Lounge at 9-10:15AM

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Meet in the Youth Lounge at 12-2PM**

**please note the new time

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Community Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 12:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	27	28	29 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:30 PM Handbell Ensemble	30 5:30 PM Worship Planning Team 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	31 10:00 AM UkeStars 4:00 PM Family Camp at Caz	1 Family Camp at Caz
2 Family Camp at Caz 9:00 AM Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:30 AM Multi-Gen Worship & Communion	3	4 6:00 PM Gratitude & Generosity Team	5 10:00 AM Staff Team 4:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 5:30 PM Men's Dinner & Discussion Group	6 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	7 10:00 AM UkeStars	8 11:00 AM Memorial Service & Reception for Don Victor 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch
9 Launch Sunday 8:45 AM Nursery Care 9:00 AM Faith Formation Hour - see below 10:30 AM Community Worship 10:45 AM Children's Worship 12:00 PM All Youth meet for Lunch 12:00 PM Launch Sunday Lunch 12:00 PM Parent/OWL Orientation	10 7:00 PM Mission & Outreach	11 4:00 PM L.M. Pastor-Parish Relations Team	12 10:00 AM Staff Team 3:00 PM Women's Fellowship Card Ministry 4:30 PM Handbell Ensemble	13 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	14 10:00 AM UkeStars	15 8th/9th Grade OWL Retreat Newsletter Deadline
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Faith Formation Hour @ 9 am Sundays

Godly Play, Pre-School-Grade 5, Rooms 5 & 6
 Middle School Youth, Grades 6-8, Youth Lounge
 Sunday Bible Class, Adults, Fireside Room