

# SALT & LIGHT

## COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

### JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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#### NO LONGER GOES WITHOUT SAYING

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister



*"Christ is our peace. In his flesh he made two groups one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." – Ephesians 2:14*

Earlier this spring, the Interfaith Council of Sonoma County launched a campaign called "United in Kindness." The idea is to get people of faith and goodwill to work together toward making Sonoma County a place of love and respect, not hate and suspicion. To be honest, when I first heard about the effort, I filed it away in my brain in the folder marked "that seems like a good idea," and then I forgot to make an effort to sign it. Then I got an email from Moe.

Mohammad Jabbari, a member of our local Muslim community, encouraged me to endorse the program which seeks to "dispel ever increasing acts of violence in our communities with humanity, love and kindness." A Muslim, responding to recent threats upon Jewish synagogues, was inviting me, a Christian, to sign a declaration of kindness. Yes! I signed it right away. Then Moe gave me a blessing: "God bless you for your leadership and good deeds to the community." That felt good. And I realized Moe was sharing the kindness he was talking about. But then he went further, inviting me to encourage members of my own congregation to sign the declaration. So that's what I'm doing now.

*I am inviting all members of Community Church to sign the declaration at*  
**[www.interfaithsonoma.org/declaration](http://www.interfaithsonoma.org/declaration)**



After you sign it, don't leave it there. It is also a statement of intention to share the kindness we purport to value, just like Moe did with me. In our current political environment, vulnerable individuals and communities are feeling more vulnerable. It makes a difference to them to know that there are people dedicated to creating a world in which kindness is the rule instead of hostility.

When you read the statement, you may wonder what the big deal is. It's not necessarily new or groundbreaking language. However, it seems to be the case in these days that some things which previously could go without saying must be said clearly and out loud. That we should be kind to one another no longer goes without saying.

As Edmund Burke wrote to Thomas Mercer in 1770, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good [people] to do nothing." So let's do something rather than nothing. With faith in Christ, who is our peace, let's stand with the oppressed, stick up for the vulnerable, and share love and kindness even, and especially, when it's difficult.

*Full Statement is available on page 6 of this newsletter.*

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# WORSHIP & BALCONY VIEW

## JULY 2019 WORSHIP

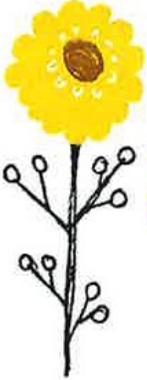


*Sunday Worship happens 10:30 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary*

*Nursery Care available for newborns through  
Kindergarteners*



### July 7 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



On this first Sunday of the month, we gather for multi-generational worship with Holy Communion. Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister for Congregational Care, preaches on the issue of “Immigration.” We will hear the story of Jesus’ commissioning 70 followers to share the gospel with many villages. Garth Watson and Heather Hatch share special music.

### July 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Today Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches on the issue of “Racism.” We will hear Jesus’ Parable of the Good Samaritan. Special music is provided by a Clarinet Quartet led by Bernie Hovden.



### July 21 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Today Pastor Benjamin preaches on the issue of “Sexism and Gender Inequality.” We will hear the story of Jesus’ visit to the home of Mary and Martha.

### July 28 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the issue is “Gun Violence and Pastor Benjamin preaches on the opening words of the book of prophet Hosea who declares that Israel will not be saved by violence.



**Coming in August...** “We’ve Got Issues” Summer Worship Themes, including Consumerism & Greed, Fundamentalism, Climate Change, and Reproductive Freedom.



## THE BALCONY VIEW...

### BLOOMING THINGS

By Michael Ott, Moderator



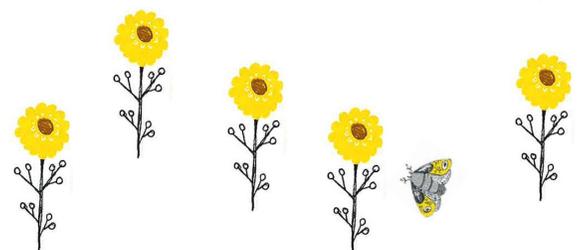
The butterfly bushes are in full bloom in my garden. Something is always blooming in my garden - from the sweet Daphne in January to the Sedum in autumn. Something is always in bloom at Community Church too – and not just the beautiful landscaping. Reading the Sunday Bulletin uncovers the blooming things – camps and retreats, choirs and ensembles, ministries and discussions, apple pie, mission trips and projects, bible schools and bible studies, fellowship groups and picnics. Something always blooming - traditional things and new things, quiet things and noisy things, always God things.

Blooming can come from within as well. As we grow in faith, we open up and blossom in the light of the Holy Spirit, God opening us up and helping us flourish.

I’m blooming and it feels amazing. And so are you. David in Psalm 92 exclaims:

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.

God wants to see us flourish, bloom, and thrive. And things bloom better when they are well-tended. The Leadership Council is grateful for all the volunteer leaders and helpers who tend to our church’s blooming activities to make them not only happen but flourish and thrive. Thank You!



# PRIDE

## COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE SONOMA COUNTY PRIDE PARADE

By Libby Plaughter



My sustained involvement in our church can be attributed to the immense sense of community and love I feel on a constant basis. It's the same feeling that overwhelms me when singing a song during church, camp, or walking in a parade. Often times the feeling is so strong I tear up, and most recently, this happened while walking with our church in the Pride Parade. Making eye contact with the audience while singing our songs and spreading love fueled me with the sense that I was making a difference. It breaks my heart to see religion used as an excuse for hatred and exclusion, but we have the opportunity and resources to change that narrative for all of Christianity.



On June 1, our church truly did put our faith into ACTION. All it required was dressing up in some colorful outfits, and multitasking. On that day, members of our church ranging in all ages could be seen singing, smiling and marching in the light of God for a couple blocks in downtown Santa Rosa. It was as simple as that, but it feels as though everyone involved was transformed. All were reminded that they are loved by God, and in turn the passion of the Church to do good was resparked. We can learn a lot by stepping out of our immediate community and welcoming others in.

To say that participating in an event like this is fun and re-

warding, comes from a place of privilege. I never have to experience the hardships and struggles of a gay person in our world, but by spreading our love and community, I feel as though I am doing my job. I have always felt supported and as if I belong at the Community Church of Sebastopol, and I think we are doing a pretty good job of sharing that feeling with those who need it.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL SALT (SERVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER) TRIP

By Elan Sawyer, Middle School Youth Group Member



## Youth Mission Trip!



**Thank you to everyone who supported our amazing mission trip.**

We are all so happy that we had the opportunity to explore Oakland and Richmond, while learning about the hard truth of food deserts. We had so much fun playing Apples to Apples and hide and seek during free time. We loved having the time to have fun, and getting serious to learn! We got the chance to go to a local farmers market and contribute to the group with only five dollars to buy lunch (per person). Getting to see lots of small farms in such a sad place made us inspired to do good. Getting the honor of going into a local farm, called Happy Lots, and exploring it was so awesome! We learned important lessons from Happy Lots about hard work. The large amount of fun and amazing things that we got to do on the trip has really impacted every single one of us.

Thank you so much for all of your support to make this happen!

# LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AT WORK—SANCTUARY BEAMS

By Larry Stallings, Council Officer for Facilities

At the annual meeting this year, the Facility team announced the problem of discovered serious deterioration in some of our sanctuary beams. We are very fortunate that Edwin Wilson architect, Chris Warner engineer, and Tom Terry professional roofer analyzed, developed solutions and assisted in contract negotiations to repair the beams and surrounding roofing. This important work was done free of charge as all three are members of our congregation. Multiple inspections, blueprint reviews and cost analysis was completed to develop a best value repair. All of that preparation work has been completed.

The Leadership Council approved the repair project which is now scheduled to start in mid July. New brackets will be fabricated and permits acquired prior to a pre-construction conference in early July. The work is broken into four phases. Old roof removal, beam repair, new roof installation and sealing the new wood against weather. The wood sealing will be done by the Facilities Team in order to save several thousand dollars. The work is set for completion in mid to late October.

You will see trucks, ladders, debris collection and other construction events during these summer and fall months. There is no work planned inside the sanctuary. We were very fortunate that the problem was discovered prior to any major structural damage. The time required and cost of repair could have huge if the deterioration was not discovered and addressed immediately.

Please note that there will be no cancellations of scheduled events, services or practices. If an urgent event comes up such as a memorial service, work will be suspended for the duration of the service.

The funds to complete this work will come from reserve accounts meaning no special funding campaign is expected. After this project is complete the structural integrity of the sanctuary will be fully restored.

Click on the link below to read what else was happening at the May 15 Leadership Council meeting.

<https://uccseb.org/docs/2019-June-Council-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

The congregation is invited to discuss any issues, concerns, ideas or appreciations to any of the Council Members.

### ***The Council Members are:***

Michael Ott – Moderator

Kathy Bell – Council Officer for Personnel

John Henel – Council Officer for Finances

Larry Stallings – Council Officer for Facilities

Joyce Cox – Council Member for Outreach

Linda Inman – Council Member for Faith Formation

Bobbie Johanson – Council Member for Care and Fellowship

Linda Roa – Council Member for Worship and Arts



# UNITED IN KINDNESS AND PRAYER CIRCLE

## ★ SONOMA COUNTY—UNITED IN KINDNESS ★

### A Declaration of Unity by Sonoma County Residents

We the undersigned believe that freedom from hateful speech, bullying, discrimination, and violence is a human right.

We believe all of us benefit from living in a diverse community.

Everyone, especially children and youth, requires a place to grow and learn in peace and safety, guided in kindness and caring.

We are proud that our half-million Sonoma County neighbors come from so many of humankind's backgrounds, beliefs, and traditions in pursuit of joyful and healthful living.

To sustain these strengths, we affirm trust in a social fabric that does not permit harm to individuals and groups based on distinctions of ability, age, appearance, ethnicity, gender identity, language, race, religion, sexual preference, and socio-economic position.

We call on all Sonoma County residents to find ways to create this pluralistic social fabric. We call on our leaders in education, government, business, health, and faith to build, through education and initiatives in their areas of influence, a county that honors human rights.

In recognition of these desires for unity, we jointly declare *Sonoma County—United in Kindness.*



### PRAYER CIRCLE

We lift prayers for...

Continued healing for those recovering from illness and surgery, including **Forrest Templin**, **Nancy Mathews**, and **Marge Holland**... May God's healing love surround them.

All Caregivers who attend to the people they love—making decisions for their health, physically assisting them, interfacing with insurance companies, and even more, even when it's challenging... May the Christ-Light strengthen them, in solidarity and peace.

All people who are homebound and in care facilities, including **Barbara Wilson**, **Charles & Helen Williams**, **Wynneeth Longfellow**, and **Gladys Chappel**... May the Spirit accompany them.

# MISSION & OUTREACH AND APPLE PIES

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR PARADISE

By Mission and Outreach Team

***2 schools are reopening in Paradise after the fires and need supplies! Our church will be collecting things listed below throughout July. Please help!***

On November 8, 2018 the town of Paradise, CA burned out, but the spirit of the people of Paradise did not. As the whole town of Paradise was being evacuated to Chico, CA, Paradise Unified Schools safely transported 2,000 students to the Chico County Fairgrounds. Paradise Unified School District then immediately began working with the Butte County Office of Education and the surrounding communities to open temporary classrooms so that dislocated Paradise students could complete the 2018-19 academic year.

Paradise Unified School District will reopen two of the four Paradise elementary schools in August 2019 with plans to open two additional schools when soil and debris clean-up allows. Hundreds of classrooms will need to be set up before the start of school in August. To assist in this effort, the Community Church of Sebastopol will be collecting school supplies through the month of July. All supplies collected during the month of July will be delivered to Paradise Unified Schools in early August.

By putting your faith into action, you can help Paradise Unified School District reopen the Paradise elementary schools for the 2019-20 academic year. Please drop your unwrapped school supplies in the ***Paradise School Supply Drop Box***, which will be set-up in the church courtyard before and after church on July 7, July 14, July 21, and July 28. Requested supplies include:

- ◆ Disinfectant wet wipes
- ◆ Zip lock bags – all sizes
- ◆ Fun Band Aids
- ◆ Kleenex tissues (large classroom size boxes)
- ◆ Pens, pencils, markers and sharpies, glue and glue sticks, tape, teacher scissors, etc.
- ◆ Seasonal classroom decorations (borders, bulletin board items, etc.)
- ◆ Recess Equipment (balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, etc.)



## APPLE PIE TIME IS COMING!

By Marian McDonald



Apple Pie Time is Coming! It's the most fun we have all year long!

Every August we all come together to make about **1600 apple pies** to sell as our big fundraiser for youth scholarships to camp and to help pay for Family Camp at Camp Caz! Church folks from age 5 to 95 all join together in this amazing organized operation to turn barrels of apples and flour into delicious Gravenstein apple pies in pink boxes to be sold at the Gravenstein Apple Festival. We start work on Thursday evening, we work all day Friday and Saturday, and we always sell out!

The apples arrive cored and rough-peeled and we turn them into pie filling. Another team makes the crust and the teens, with expert supervision, assemble the pies. Strong folks do the baking, then the pies are cooled and boxed for sale.

**The most FUN job is also the job we need the most of!** We need LOTS of folks to slice the apples into filling! You sit at a table with 3 other people and turn cored apples into slices. And you sit and visit with people that maybe you did not know before, but you will know them after that day! You can expect to get sticky up to your elbows! You may bring your own knife or use one of ours! Anyone who can be safe with a slicing knife is welcome! We ask that folks sign up to come join in the fun on August 15, 16, 17, or 18!

Come take part in our most amazing operation! Come get sticky and meet folks you have never met before! The easiest and most fun job is the job we never have enough folks to do! You can help us have enough apple slicers this year! Come sign up! We need you!

*See the flyer on page 10 in this newsletter.*



# WHO'S WHO & BIRTHDAYS

## WHO'S WHO IN THE PEW: MEET LINDA ROA

Linda and her husband Hal moved to Sebastopol when he began teaching at Analy High School in 1973. She can't believe it has been 46 years now! Linda joined the Community Church about 42 years ago when her daughter, Karna, was very young. She was looking for a church with a large youth population so that Karna could grow up in it and take part. Both of Linda's children, Karna and Christian, attended Happy Days Nursery School on the church property and Linda did a stint as a board member for the preschool at that time.



Throughout the years Linda has been involved in many aspects of the church. She was treasurer of the Inter Church Food Pantry for many years during the time the pantry was in it's original location on the Community Church campus. When Memorial Hall was built the pantry was destroyed and eventually relocated. The current pantry was designed and built at St. Stephens Church with lots of volunteer help and donations. Hard to believe now, but it cost a mere \$20,000.

For a several years Linda co-chaired the Apple Pie Event and still participates, calling it "a fun multigenerational event to be a part of!"

Linda has been a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee and the Diaconate Board, which was part of the church organization prior to the Leadership Council. She has participated in several Mission Trips and at publication of this newsletter is on the Adult Mission Trip to Lake County. Currently she plays handbells in the handbell ensemble (she plays the tiny bells at the top, holding several at one time) and recently joined the church Leadership Council as the Council Member for Worship and Arts.

Outside of church over the years, while raising her two children and until retiring, Linda worked as a secretary in schools as well as for several small businesses, most recently as Office Manager for Harvey Henningsen.

Linda loves being with family. Her two children, Karna and Christian, are both married and between them she has three grandchildren—two 5-year old girls and one 1-year old boy. She feels fortunate to spend 2 days each week with one of her 5-year old granddaughters and they have a great time together! Linda also enjoys her extended family of many, many cousins!

When Linda isn't busy at church or with grandchildren, she likes to travel—most recently to Washington DC with Hal. She is looking forward to the Canadian Rockies this summer with European friends. She also enjoys sewing, knitting, gardening, and attending movies and plays with friends.

One unique thing about Linda, especially in this day of automatic transmissions, is that she can drive a stick-shift Jeep TJ on a rough road (Norlee Street) and back a tent trailer into a tight spot.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- ★ 1 Austen Look
- ★ Allie Hole
- 4 Harper Malone
- 5 Sandy Rosen
- 6 Maria Gordon ★
- Ian Galletto
- 8 Andrew Liput
- ★ Ryan Hole
- 9 Norma Watson
- 10 Benjamin Emerson
- Isaac Trevino
- 11 Bob Best ★
- ★ Eva Norton
- Margot Dowdney
- 13 John Sweeney
- 14 Dawson Bell
- Sid Buchanan
- Chris Jenkins
- Lowell Yeager
- 15 Hosanna Bauer
- 16 Norma Taddeucci
- 17 Luanne Buchanan
- ★ Daphne Cripps
- Judy Stupfel
- 19 Evelyn Bishop
- Diane Krautner ★
- ★ Dorothy McKoin ★
- Charles Williams
- 20 Jane Hynes
- 22 Rebecca McClendon
- Tamar Knuth
- 23 Nicholas Jame
- 24 Barbara Nichols
- 25 Hal Roa
- ★ Marna McKenzie
- 27 Andy DelMonte
- 29 Michella Trevino
- 30 Rob McKoin
- 31 Adair Look ★



# EVENTS IN JULY AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

July 3  **Men's Group**, 7:00 pm in Faith Chapel

July 4 **Office Closed for 4th of July**

July 5 **You & Me Camp Begins**, at Camp Caz

July 7 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Jr. High and Sr. High Camps Begin**, at Camp Caz

**Associate Minister Pastor-Parish Relations Team**, 12:00 pm in the Fireside Room

July 8 **Mission & Outreach Committee**, 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room

July 10 **Card Writing Ministry**, 3:00 pm in the Women's Fellowship Office

July 13 **Second Saturday Lunch**, 11:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

July 14 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Faith In Action Team**, 9:30 am in the Women's Fellowship Office

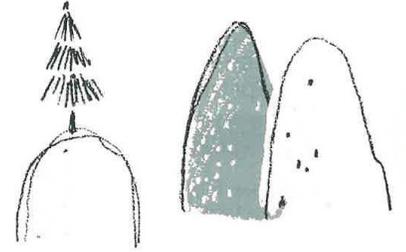
July 15 **Prayer Shawl Group**, 10:00 am in the Fireside Room

July 16 **L.M. Pastor-Parish Relations Team**, 4:00 pm in the Fireside Room

July 21 **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Junior and CIT Camps Begin**, at Camp Caz

July 28 **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**



**Sundays at 9:00 am** Adult Bible Study, Adults in the Fireside Room

**Sundays at 10:30 am**—Worship in the Sanctuary

**Fridays at 10:00 am**—Uke Stars meet in Fellowship Hall



## Summer Office Hours May 25-September 6

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am—2:30 pm

The office will be closed Thursday, July 4th



## July Staff Schedules

July 6—13 Benjamin is away

July 8—15 Rachel is away

July 30—31 Rachel is away



## Coming Up This Summer

August 16—18 Apple Pie Weekend, Sign up in the office

Aug 30—Sept 1 Family Camp, Registration Form Here: <https://uccseb.org/docs/familycamp-2019.pdf>





# Apple Pie Weekend!

## August 15, 16, 17 & 18



Come join our biggest community building event of the year! Make Apple Pies with us and help send folks to camp. Mark your calendars and sign up today!

Each year, for more than forty years, the Community Church of Sebastopol has made pies for the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Fair. Money raised is used to fund camp scholarships for youth and offset the cost of our Family Camp at Camp Caz, in the Cazadero Mountains.

Join this multigenerational event and help prepare and bake hundreds (maybe even thousands) of apple pies. No experience necessary, there are jobs for everyone!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mark next to the shift(s) you will be working.*

**Thursday (Aug 15)**      Setup 4-8 pm \_\_\_\_\_      Slicing Party 5:30-8:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday (Aug 16)**    7 am-Lunch \_\_\_\_\_    After Lunch - 5 pm \_\_\_\_\_    Slicing Party 5:30-8 pm \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday (Aug 17)**      7 am-Lunch \_\_\_\_\_      Lunch-6 pm \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday (Aug 18)**      9 am-2 pm \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Baking

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Baking

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Selling

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Selling

Please drop this form in the offering plate in worship or in the basket on the counter in the church office. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 707.823.2484 or sending an email to: [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).



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