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Easter: Practicing Resurrection

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

"Ask the questions that have no answers... practice resurrection."

– Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front, Wendell Berry

In almost 2,000 years since Jesus' death and resurrection, the church has often debated the question, "What d'ya gotta believe to be a Christian?" Creeds have been voiced, debated, and fought over. Many volumes have been written. Fundamentals have been foisted. Ink has been spilled. Key strokes have abounded. And yet, the event of Jesus' death and resurrection remains a mystery.

There has never been a definitive answer given to the meaning of the cross and the empty tomb. Instead, there are many meanings, some more mainstream than others, some more creative or prophetic or profound than others. The cross and the tomb are, as farmer-poet Wendell Berry suggests, "questions that have no answers." And yet they must be asked, and answers attempted. This is what another poet, Rainer Maria Rilke, meant when he told a young writer to "live the questions."

Over the course of the 40 days – plus 6 Sundays – in the season of Lent, we have been "practicing covenant." We have been speaking covenant promises to God and neighbor in worship. These words have been both aspirational and grounding. Just because we make a promise doesn't mean we'll be able to keep it right away. Which is why the Lenten practice of repentance, literally "turning around again," is so important. Trying and failing and trying again with renewed intention is what it means to practice. We have been practicing covenant. We have failed and succeeded. We've tried again and again. This is lifelong work.

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Now Easter has arrived, not just one Sunday, but a season – 50 days that outnumber the days of Lent – and we are called to practice resurrection. In Berry's poem, practicing resurrection means practicing the ways of life, practicing the ways of living that make renewal of life possible, not only for ourselves, but for all creatures, including the earth itself. Tend forests, he suggests, and when their "leaves are harvested / when they have rotted into the mold. / Call that profit."

This kind of paying attention is at once the most natural and most radical way of practicing resurrection.

APRIL 2021 WORSHIP

2021 Easter Season Theme: "Practicing Resurrection"

Community worship happens Sundays at 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83296554538>

You may also view the livestream at: <https://www.facebook.com/uccseb>

See weekly emails or visit www.uccseb.org for more details.

April 4 – Easter Sunday / Feast of the Resurrection

We gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection. Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on Mark's version of the resurrection story. The story ends abruptly and unresolved, encouraging the reader/listener to ask the question, "Now What?"

April 11 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Today, Rev. Gene Nelson, Pastor Emeritus, preaches a sermon on John 20: 10–31 entitled "Practicing Resurrection." Based on John 20: 19 – 31. Feeling abandoned and afraid, Jesus' disciples hide behind a locked door on that first Easter evening. Little do they know that what feels like the end is in fact only the beginning.

April 18 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

As we continue in the Easter season, Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Luke 24: 36–48 entitled, "Jesus Opened Their Minds."

April 25 – 4th Sunday of Easter

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, Rev. Broadbent preaches on Jesus' "Good Shepherd" self-description found in John 10: 11 – 18. What does it mean for Jesus to lay down his life for the sheep? What is asked of us? What if it means laying down privilege? What if it means standing up for ourselves?

Coming in May... Faith Formation Sunday, Our Whole Lives Sunday, Mothers' Day, Strengthen the Church Special Offering, Ascension Day, Pentecost Sunday, Trinity Sunday

Virtual Wine Tasting is Back! **Friday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Experience a professional wine tasting in the comfort of your own home with great conversation and community! Join our own member and winemaker Andrea Card, Director of Wine-making at Coppola Wines, for an evening of wine tasting, Friday, April 16th at 7:00pm on Zoom.

Andrea will be leading us through the process of tasting Director's Cut Chardonnay 2018 and Diamond Collection Golden Tier Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon. You will have the opportunity to purchase wine at a discount (\$25 for both bottles) if you RSVP to Pastor Rachel by April 9th. All people over 21 welcome. This event is brought to you by the Congregational Life Team. For more information contact Pastor Rachel at pastorrachel@uccseb.org



Faith Formation Reflections

By Pastor Lacey, Associate Minister of Faith Formation



This year's Lenten Faith Journeys Series took on a vibrant new expression as we gathered on Zoom to share our precious lives with one another. Each person was invited to reflect on who their wilderness companions are and share how those companions are inspiring them, guiding them, sustaining them through these times. There was no limit to how one could interpret "wilderness companions." A companion may be a person known personally or not, an animal, a landscape, a being in nature, _____. Among those sharing were Middle School youth group member Elia DelMonte, Bree Cassells, Warren Brisben and Pastor Lacey.

In this newsletter you can catch a glimpse of the unique sharings that were offered during these Lenten Faith Journeys, including Elia's original poem, Bree's God Playlist and the poetry that is (in)forming Pastor Lacey's journey.

Questions to ponder for your faith journey:

- Who are your wilderness companions?
- What wisdom are your feelings revealing to you?
- What songs express your truth?

Inspiring Pastor Lacey's journey is poet Ocean Vuong's question inspired by the story of Noah's Ark – "*...when the apocalypse comes, what will you put into the vessel for the future?*"

For more of Vuong's brilliance:

Listen: On Being interview with Ocean Vuong and Krista Tippett, "A Life Worthy of Our Breath." <https://onbeing.org/programs/ocean-vuong-a-life-worthy-of-our-breath/>

Read: On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous and Night Sky with Exit Wounds by Ocean Vuong

Pandemic

by Elia DelMonte

Sickness, death and sorrow
Thousands gone every day
Sad stories on the news
Just wishing the virus would go away

Staying in place, loneliness and depression
Covering our face in cloth
Staying away
to protect ourselves and others
Just wishing the virus would go away

In my bedroom, sitting at my desk
Listening to directions, scribbling down equations,
typing up an essay, rolling through a textbook
wanting to see my friends and teachers
while staring at a screen all day
Just wishing the virus would go away

At the peak of our troubles
As hope rises a vaccine is here
But the end of our troubles are not yet near
Chaos to get it and not a good plan
Not enough doses to finish our plan
Confusion, frustration, and anger bubbles
To find the solution to our troubles
As people search to get a dose all day
Just wishing the virus will go away

The fight is not over yet
So we should stay apart
as we push through this
Because someday the virus will go away



Bree Cassells' God Music Playlist

- "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban
- "Blessed to Be a Witness" by Ben Harper
- "Across the Universe" by the Beatles
- "Mary" by Patty Griffin
- "Jesus, Take the Wheel" by Carrie Underwood
- "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac
- "Easy Silence" by The Chicks
- "Let it Be" by The Beatles
- "Kind & Generous" by Natalie Merchant
- "Roots" by audiafauna
- "Goin' There Strong" by audiafauna
- "Let Go" by Frou Frou
- "Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World" by Israel Kamakawiwo'Ole
- "Dog Days are Over" by Florence + the Machine
- "Never Let Me Go" by Florence + the Machine
- "Full of Grace" by Sarah McLachlan
- "Hard Way Home" by Brandi Carlile
- "Heavenly Day" by Patty Griffin
- "Up to the Mountain (MLK Song)" by Patty Griffin
- "House of Gold" by Patty Griffin
- "Coming Home to Me" by Patty Griffin and Julie Miller
- "Looking Out" by Brandi Carlile
- "When it Don't Come Easy" by Patty Griffin
- "Forgiveness" by Patty Griffin
- "I Know" by Fiona Apple
- "Make You Feel My Love" by Adele
- "Jesus" by Amos Lee
- "Beggar in the Morning" by The Barr Brothers
- "Thank U" by Alanis Morissette
- "Turn to Stone" by Ingrid Michaelson
- "Burn the Pages" by Sia
- "Beautiful Dawn" by The Wailin' Jennys
- "Only Time" by Enya
- "Lover of the Light" by Mumford & Sons
- "Patience" by The Lumineers
- "On the Radio" by Regina Spektor
- "River" by Leon Bridges
- "Windows are Rolled Down" by Amos Lee
- "When You Come Back Down" by Nickel Creek
- "Life Is Sweet" by Natalie Merchant
- "Sigh No More" by Mumford & Sons
- "Waterfall" by Serena Ryder
- "Time" by The Alan Parsons Project
- "I Belong to You" by Brandi Carlile
- "Dead Sea" by The Lumineers
- "Have You Ever" by Brandi Carlile
- "Father" by Overcoats
- "Have a Little Faith in Me" by John Hiatt
- "All You Need is Love" by The Beatles
- "Through the Dark" by Alexi Murdoch
- "Rise Up" by Andra Day
- "You Are Loved (Don't Give Up)" by Josh Groban
- "I Got a Name" by Jim Croce

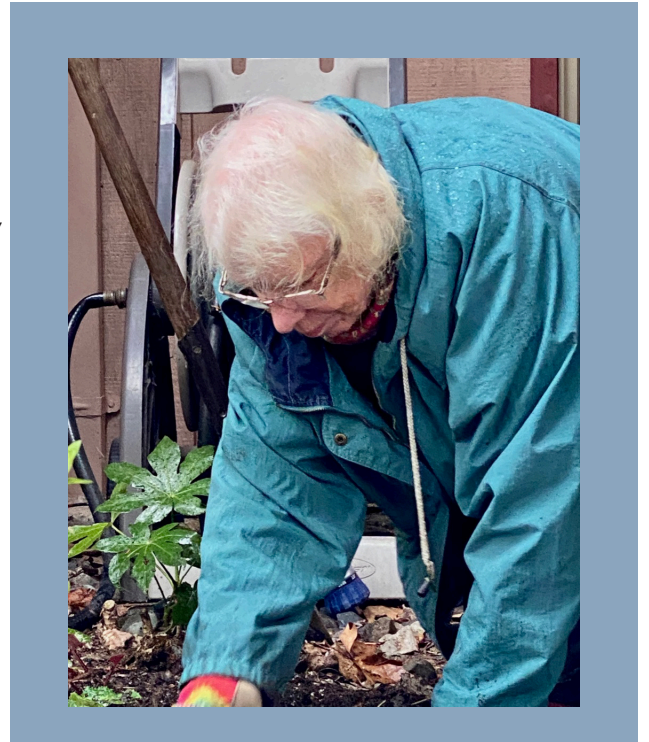
Care Note from Pastor Rachel

Dear Friends,

I recently spoke by phone with our own Barbara Whitson. You probably know her as one of the gardening team members, but she's also one of our wonderful younger-than-her-years elders. One of the things she said was, "It's sort of our job now, is to stay as well as we can. And, think: What can we do that is meaningful and do-able to help others?"

I was really struck by these words, because what I interpret her to be saying is that we need to take good care of ourselves, our health and well-being. That's the first part-- staying well. The second part of what I think she's pointing to, is finding a sense of purpose through care for others. In my sabbatical study of grief, I learned that one of the useful tools for grief care is to find a sense of purpose after someone we love has died. As we gather ourselves up again, finding ways to honor the memory of our loved one through service, can be both soothing to our hearts and make a difference in our world. In her recent New York Times article "Where Do the Dead Go in Our Imaginations,"

Anakana Schofield, describes the grief she felt this year after her friend died by suicide. She writes, "a lifetime of loss would not prepare me for the way this buckled me in half. I would see my friend in the T-shirts my son put on, every time I picked up a tea towel or made a cup of tea, because this friend was so incredibly generous, she wallpapered my entire life with that generosity and love." Ms. Schofield found solace by beginning work at a laboratory that tests specimens for coronavirus-- a job that challenged her. She writes that even though she wasn't the fastest or best at doing this job, "the one thing I held on to was the knowledge that my friend would have been proud of me for working in that lab." Connecting service to the memory of a loved one who has died is a meaningful way to honor and remember them, a way for their spirit to live on in our world.



Barbara Whitson

But I think there's a third part to what Barbara said, and it's in the word "do-able." How can we be of service in ways that are possible, without overextending? Sure, there may be times when we choose strategically to overextend ourselves beyond our usual boundaries in order to help someone else. But usually those moments have to be just that-- moments. We humans don't have the stamina to sprint for months and months or years and years. We need to return to "staying well." It's like a circle where we fill up our strength and health, reach out in care, and return to staying as well as we can. And what is "do-able" during the pandemic may look different because of the underlying current of stress and other safety precautions we need to take.

So I suppose the questions for each of us are: What keeps you well? What can you do to serve others as a way to remember ones you've lost? What is do-able?

This Easter Season, may you be well, and find meaningful and do-able acts of service. I ask God's blessing upon you as you experience new life and share the love of Christ in our world.

Warmly,
Pastor Rachel

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - MARCH 2021

Summary of what was accomplished during the Leadership Council Meeting:

- ◇ Consensus on kiosk - approved
- ◇ Leadership retreat will be planned for June
- ◇ Support marketing and communications approach. Spreading the word
- ◇ Garth Watson joined the zoom meeting to report on the progress of the Marketing Team.
- ◇ Safe Return Task Force met on March 11. The goal is to honor all County and State guidelines to open safely. Their goal is to come up with rules for a safe return to support our congregation and the community.

Decisions and agreements made:

- ◇ Recycle Kiosk approved
- ◇ New method of voting using consensus to be considered and piloted

For discussion in the future:

- Meeting format improvements
- Pastor Ben's sabbatical
- Revisit consensus model for decision making

The congregation is invited to discuss these items as well as any other issues, concerns, ideas or appreciations to any of the Council Members. The Council Members are:

Robert Curtis – Moderator
Kathy Bell – Council Officer for Personnel
John Henel – Council Officer for Finances
Tom Terry – Council Officer for Facilities
Joyce Cox – Council Member for Outreach
Larell Fineren – Council Member for Faith Formation
Kathy Matthies – Council Member for Care and Fellowship
Linda Roa – Council Member for Worship and Arts
Danelle Tognozi - Clerk ☸

Easter: Practicing Resurrection

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"Listen to carrion," he continues, "put your ear / close, and hear the faint chattering / of the songs that are to come." Sounds like the cross to me, and the life made possible by death. This kind of paying attention is at once the most natural and most radical way of practicing resurrection. "As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind," Berry offers, "lose it."

Practicing resurrection, the resurrection practiced by Jesus so long ago, means loosening our grip on what we thought was possible and allowing God to reveal new patterns of life that create possibilities beyond the imaginations of the "generals and politicians," new ways of life that can only come from God. ☸

When Can We Return to Church?

By Chris Chang Weeks

Now that more people have been vaccinated and the level of Covid infection is decreasing, when is it safe to return to church as we have known it? When will we be able to gather indoors for worship and sing as a congregation?

The Safe Return Task Force has resumed meeting to answer those questions and determine what needs to be done to make returning a smooth transition. There are four members of the task force: Pastor Benjamin, Pastor Lacey, Kathy Bell and Chris Chang Weeks.

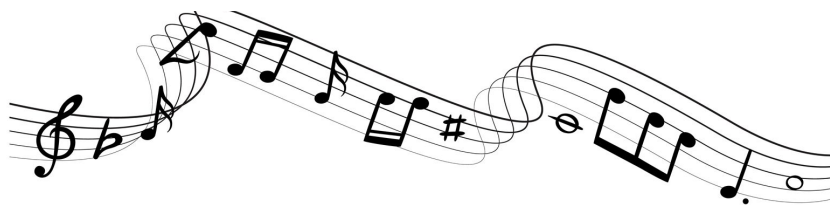
The values of the church steer our decisions on how and when we return.

Our values center around the most vulnerable. The interconnectedness of our lives take into consideration all people with whom we may come into contact. We will continue to follow local, county, state and national guidelines, and err on the side of safety. Furthermore, we must balance safety with benefit, in-person gatherings with online offerings, and consider the complex feelings of relative safety.

In order to resume indoor worship, the church needs to have the following in place:

- * Sonoma County must be in the yellow tier. (This means less than 1.0 daily new case per 100K, less than 2.0% positive tests for entire county, less than 2.2% positive tests for health equity quartile).
- * Vaccinations are available to all and the vaccine stage is 1C
- * Staff is vaccinated

Our return will be made in stages. For the initial return, we will still be wearing face coverings, and have a limited capacity with social distancing. Some members hunger for in-person worship, while the livestreaming option makes it possible for others, who are separated by distance, to view the service online. For that reason, we are planning a hybrid in-person/livestreaming service. Our experience with the pandemic has shown that we must flex and improvise. As the plans evolve, we will update the congregation.✿



Easter Visioning: Imagining the Future of Music & Arts at Community Church

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent & Linda Roa

Music and the Arts have been important to our congregation since it was founded in 1889. Especially in recent decades, artistic expression has been central to our worship and our physical presence as a community church. Here are some highlights of the past 50 years (by no means an exhaustive list):

- 1963 – Barbara Wilson became the Chancel Director, serving in the position for 35 years.
- 1967 – The stained glass window was installed on the south end of our newly completed sanctuary.
- 1968 – The new Oscar Hallberg Memorial Organ was dedicated.
- 1973 – Glenda Elvy became director of the Children's Choir program, serving for over 25 years.
- 1976 – Joyce Morrow became organist and would serve for 30 years.
- 1977 – Ethel and Robert Stice donated a grand piano for use in the sanctuary.

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- 1984 – 4 octaves of handbells were purchased and a handbell ensemble was formed.
- 1988 – Mike Moore created a stained-glass window with a baptismal theme for the narthex.
- 1989 – Rennie Mau formed a traveling youth liturgical arts groups called Emmaus that performed drama, dance, and music.
- 1989 – Eleanor Morgan formed the Centennial Band among church members – the band grew to include members of the wider community and continues as the Sebastopol Community Band.
- 2002 – Karna Roa became the director of the Handbell Ensemble and has now been serving for almost 20 years.
- 2005 – Darryl Fenley became our church organist/pianist. Brian Plaughter became our Chancel Choir Director. In 2011, Brian became Minister of Music and served until the fall of 2020.

Now it's the Spring of 2021 and we are in a period of discernment regarding our congregation's music and arts programs. This is an opportunity for us to begin imagining the future of music and arts, wondering what might be possible, celebrating the past, and identifying where the Spirit is leading us in the coming years.

As Lead Minister and Council Member for Music & Arts, we want to invite all interested members and friends of Community Church to participate in a process to identify next steps we will take as a congregation to support an inspired program of Music & Arts.

This process will have three movements:

1. **Generating Ideas** – This is an opportunity to name what has worked as well as to think outside the box, imagining new forms our ministry of music and arts might take. We will engage our bodies, hearts, and minds to dream up new possibilities.
2. **Naming Patterns** – In this second movement, we will name the ideas that resonate or repeat. We will discern which ideas create energy and buy in for members of the community. We will take our many ideas and try to hone them into a few groupings that can be acted upon.
3. **Next Steps** – In this third movement, we will form a small team to discern strategies that will help move us where we think the Holy Spirit might be guiding us. We will consider resources like staffing and finances as well as the buy-in from the congregation and how this fits with our church's mission.

We welcome broad participation by people of all ages:

- * Members and friends of Community Church who are not currently involved in our music and arts programs, and those who are very involved.
- * People who see themselves as "musical" and "artistic," and people who don't.
- * Those who are relatively new to this church and those who have been around for awhile.

Here are the dates. We are planning to hold these sessions on Zoom, but as in-person gatherings become possible, we will consider offering these as hybrid events:

- Sunday Morning Sessions (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83296554538>)
- Sundays, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Kinship Time)
 - ▶ April 18 & 25 – Generating Ideas
 - ▶ May 2 & 9 – Naming Patterns
 - ▶ May 16 – Next Steps

Weekday Evening Sessions (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87839252782>)

- Handbell Ensemble Weekly Gathering – Tuesday, April 20, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Weekly Gathering – Thursday April 22, 7:15 – 8:00 p.m.
- Mid-Week Naming Patterns Session – Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. ☸

Antiracism Updates

By Larell Fineren

Since George Floyd's death many of us have been educating ourselves about how white supremacy undergirds the systemic racism in our culture. Some have completed one of the three antiracist book studies we've offered since August. What we've learned has us thinking beyond, "our thoughts and prayers are with you." I'm sure many of you have done your own reading and thinking about the inequities in our country. As shocking as some of this information is, the adage "once you know, you can't not know" pushes us further. We want to be agents of the change we now know is desperately needed.

I've been surfing the web looking at what other churches are doing to promote equity for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People Of Color). I recently discovered that Arlington UCC in Kensington has started a Black Homeownership Reparations Fund. Working with Richmond housing non-profits, they are helping Blacks with zero-interest down payment loans, which are the biggest obstacle to Black homeownership. (See links below.) Our Outreach Committee has decided to honor and support their effort with a one-time donation of \$500, which will be matched by a generous Berkeley charitable foundation. Another creative idea I learned of is a fund to provide additional support to retired BIPOC clergy, many of whom have earned far less than their white peers. So the yeast is in the air, and others are cooking up exciting ways to neutralize, if not reverse racism.

What ideas might we put into action right here at Community Church to be a part of the solution? Let's find the best recipe for us and get cooking!

<https://www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/bhrf>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO_bdQ



The Antiracist Book Group: Reflections

By Mat Keller

Last January, about nine of us formed a book group to start a conversation about racism. Our first book was *So You Want to Talk about Race*, by Ijeo Oluo, followed with *Me and white supremacy*, by Layla F. Saad. For each book, a coordinator sent out weekly readings, that were discussed in Zoom meetings. Both books were informative and challenging. We agreed with both authors and with each other on most points, and on some we agreed to disagree. We found this process to be not only a good format for a book study, but also instrumental in knowing some of our congregation a little better.

After hearing about our group, and attending a couple of our Zoom meetings, a TV documentaries producer is interested in showing our group as a model for starting a conversation about race. That should be an interesting experience!

No way to tell what we will do next. Some of us will turn our new understandings into action, others have other dragons to slay. And someone may suggest a new book to investigate. Whatever happens, the book study was a great way to learn the various ways that people of color see racism, and how white folks can be a positive force in combating racism.✿

Community Church Distributes \$1,600 To Those in Need

By Gary Bachelor

Forty \$40 gift certificates were distributed to those in need through and by Community Church members through various outreach groups.

Feed it Forward of Sonoma County, is an organization designed to provide support for small family-owned restaurants in our community; at the same time, providing meals for those needing meals. It's a win win. Anyone who has lost work or is a bit down-on-their-luck is eligible to participate.

Kim Isley, a Sonoma County resident, and small business owner, along with a group of volunteers, run the Feed It Forward site out of love for their community. And, as stated on their site, "we love to eat and don't want to see our favorite restaurants close forever!"

The Community Church was the only church in the area to receive the gift certificates. We were asked to spread the certificates to help those family-owned restaurants impacted by COVID-19 and those individuals that have lost work due to the pandemic.

One of the outreach groups of the church receiving the \$40 gift certificates was the Safe Parking Program. Gary Bachelor said he distributed multiple certificates to parkers and in every case, he felt it provided real help. One parker stated, "thank you so much for this. I have \$3 in my pocket and didn't know how I was going to eat for the next few days."

Feed It Forward has given out a total of 1,134 gift cards ranging in value from \$10-\$100, most of them \$40. They went to:

- ❑ 425 to individuals through the website
- ❑ 100 to the Graton Day Labor Center
- ❑ 50 to feed downtown SR homeless
- ❑ 30 to YWCA Safe House & Special Place programs
- ❑ 100 to Social Advocates for Youth
- ❑ 25 to SAY Meal Train Program
- ❑ 150 to CAP Sonoma Covid Relief Program & Women's Shelters
- ❑ 53 to The Living Room Shelter for Women and Children
- ❑ 61 to COTS Homeless Shelter
- ❑ 40 to Sebastopol Community Church's Covid Relief Program
- ❑ 100 to Sonoma County Council on Aging

Feed It Forward stated, "we owe a big fat THANK YOU to all the wonderful folks in our community who supported this project with their money, their time, or their resources. Here in Sonoma County, we look out for each other!" ❖

Food For Thought



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Food For Thought Food Drive

Date: Monday, April 12

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Parking lot behind Fellowship Hall

Save the date! Disaster Recovery Trip 2021
September 19-24
Paradise, CA

We are hopefully planning a group work trip to Paradise this fall to help rebuild houses destroyed several years ago in the wildfire. We will be working with Hope City, the same organization we worked with in Middletown. The good news is - they have finished their work in Lake, Mendocino and Shasta County! They have several projects in Sonoma County and are gearing up to focus most of their effort in Paradise.

Save the date and join our group. We work hard, eat great food (Kathy Matthies is our head cook) and have a great time together. There is work for both skilled and unskilled people. More information and applications will be available in several months. Contact Joyce Cox b-j-cox@att.net, for more information. ☼



Chris and Nancy Brown, who escaped the Paradise fire on Nov. 8, 2018 with their two-year-old and their dogs, console each other in the wreckage of their home. Noah Berger/AP

Update on the Family from Honduras

By Joyce Cox

As many of you know, in January of 2019, our church was called upon to help a newly arrived family who had just come through the border seeking asylum. They arrived with nothing and many from the church rallied quickly with clothes, kitchen things, and sleeping bags. We formed an Accompaniment Team with church members and community members to help them with housing, food, education, medical appointments and preparing for their asylum hearing.

It was a great day in December 2019 when the mom and three children were granted asylum!! Since then they have moved to another state where rent is much more affordable and are currently in a rent to purchase agreement to buy a double wide mobile home. Because they have had asylum for a year, they have now applied to become permanent residents. To do this, they recently came to California to apply for residency through VIDAS. It was very exciting to see them again!! With our left over funds, we were able to help them pay for part of the attorney fees for their Residency Case. ☼

April Birthdays

1	Robert Peterson	14	Jim Manchester	25	Darlene Buchanan-Curran
1	Sara Margulis	14	Char Mitchell	25	Dave Madsen
1	Sebastien Jame	14	John Roush	25	Dennis Olson
1	Laurie Kellner	15	Susanna Simms	25	Terri Harper
1	Jillian Gonzales	15	Scott McGinnis	25	Molly Wreden
2	Kevin-Derrick Caldwell	16	Bradley Buchanan	26	Kathleen Matthies
3	Matthew Kalembe	17	Sarah Jenkins	27	Christy Saxton
5	Jeff Boal	17	Roger Wilson	27	Deidra Warner
5	Becky Wessling	18	Tom Meyskens	27	Sharon Fennema
5	Diane McPherson	18	Becca Emerson	28	Peter Boal
6	Irma Bachelor	19	Lorinda Bradley	28	Julie Klein
6	J. Althea	20	Megan Deedler	28	Chris Chang Weeks
8	Tristyn Nichols	20	Nolan Petersen	29	Christine Ford
8	Jessica Steyn	21	Jessa Drury	29	Brooke Bell
8	Lacey Hunter	21	Russ Reimer	30	Nancy Dougherty
9	Lena Emerson	21	Marshall Clark-Cupp	30	April Krautner
10	Kelly McKoin	22	Garth McChesney	30	Nancy Shimetz
11	Tony Given	23	Holly Sparks	30	Isabel MacKillop
12	Caitie Carciere	24	Jesse Seth	30	Sabina Malone

Events in April at Community Church

Most in person gatherings at Community Church are suspended. Check our online calendar at <https://uccseb.org/Calendar.php> for updates when changes are made to the Shelter-in-Place order for Sonoma County.

April 1	Handbell Ensemble, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
April 4	Easter Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
	Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Zoom
	Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Zoom
April 6	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus
	Men's Group, 11:30 p.m., Fountain Courtyard
	Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom
	Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m. Zoom
	Taking Flight, 8-9th grade, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
April 7	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
	Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
April 8	Safe Return Task Force, 9:30 a.m., Zoom
	Handbell Ensemble, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
	Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Zoom
April 10	Second Saturday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
April 11	2nd Sunday of Easter, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
	Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Zoom
	Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Zoom
	Pastor-Parish Relations Team (Rachel), 12:30



April 13	Middle School Youth Group, 4:00 p.m., Zoom High School Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m. Zoom Taking Flight, 8-9th grade, 5:00 p.m., Zoom Pastor-Parish Relations Team (Ben), 5:00 p.m.
April 14	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary Outreach Committee, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
April 15	Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline Handbell Ensemble, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
April 16	Virtual Wine Tasting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
April 18	3rd Sunday of Easter, 10:30 a.m., Zoom Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Zoom Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Zoom Middle School Youth Group, 4:00 p.m., Zoom High School Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
April 20	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m. Zoom Taking Flight, 8-9th grade, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
April 21	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary Leadership Council, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
April 22	Handbell Ensemble, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Zoom
April 25	4th Sunday of Easter, 10:30 a.m., Zoom Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Zoom Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Zoom Middle School Youth Group, 4:00 p.m., Zoom High School Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
April 27	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Noonday Prayer, 12:00 p.m., Zoom Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m. Zoom Taking Flight, 8-9th grade, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
April 28	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
April 29	Handbell Ensemble, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m., Zoom



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- Showers
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