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Behold All Things New

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

On September 12, we launch the 133rd program year in the life of the Community Church of Sebastopol. The first Sunday School class was held on September 1, 1889. How much has changed! None of those Sunday School kids are still alive today. The first church building is no longer standing. And yet, here we are, nurturing Christian community a century and a third later.

In the last two chapters of the last book of the Bible, the grand Christian vision of history comes into view. Contrary to common misperception, the Book of Revelation is not a dire prediction of the future, but a hope-filled act of poetry that imagines a renewal of the earth and all its creatures. This isn't just wishful thinking, but faithful longing that expects the reality it envisions. "Behold!" the poetry says. "Look! Don't miss it! It is already right in front of you! God's presence and purpose and promise are already being offered."

*Behold all
things new.*

In a recent meeting, pastors and musicians and lay leaders of the church got together to plan worship for the fall. We decided to adopt the words from Revelation 21:5 as our fall theme: "Behold all things new." We each shared out responses to that phrase and the comments were so wonderfully different:

- "That passage makes me think of education and growth and acceptance."
- "It makes me think of the drought and the lack of water and the need to prepare the soil for new growth."
- "I think there's a lot of sadness in our church about people and traditions we have lost. Newness isn't always a welcome thing. Many of us want what we once had."
- "To me, this scripture is about new beginnings. Our church year is beginning and, in many ways, we're learning to be the church all over again."
- "Newness doesn't just happen by itself. We make it happen."
- "Right now, I think we're in-between the old and the new. Something is dying and something is evolving."
- "What would it be in Spanish? 'Mira! Todas cosas nuevas!'"
- One person thought all about punctuation: "What comes after 'Behold'? An exclamation mark? A colon? On which word is the emphasis? On all? On new? Or somewhere else?"

Franciscan Richard Rohr translated Revelation 21:5–6 like this: "I am making the

SEPTEMBER 2021 WORSHIP: BACK TO BASICS

- ◆ We are worshipping in person Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Services live streamed on our church's our Facebook page.
- ◆ Services can also be viewed later on our YouTube channel.
- ◆ See weekly emails or visit www.uccseb.org for more details.

September 5 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion

This month, each Sunday will focus on a different phrase of our church's mission statement. Today we begin with "Our mission is to worship God..." Rev. Benjamin Braodbent, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on Mark 7:24–37 entitled "A Sigh Too Deep for Worship."

September 12 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Launch Sunday

Today we hear our Chancel Choir for the first time under the direction of our new Choral Director, Andy DelMonte. The Handbell Ensemble will also play, directed by Karna Roa. The focus of worship is on "And share the love of Jesus Christ." Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Mark 8:27–38 entitled "I'm Sorry, Who Are You Again?"

September 19 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Today our Chancel Choir sings and we focus on the third phrase from our church mission statement, "teaching the message of Jesus to all ages." Rev. Lacey Hunter, our Associate Minister of Faith Formation, preaches a sermon on Mark 9:30–37 entitled "First in Caring."

September 26 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost / Faith in Action Sunday

Today we hear from a small "Ringers Ensemble" and we focus on the fourth and final phrase in our church's mission statement, "And putting our faith into action." Our Outreach Committee will help lead worship and will host an Outreach Fair following the service. Rev. Broadbent will preach a sermon on Mark 9: 38–50 entitled "Why Do Good?"

Coming in October... World Communion Sunday, New Members join, Pledge Drive Launch Sunday, Children's Sabbath, All Saints/Souls Sunday



Prayer Beads Contemplative Workshop

September 13, 10:30-12:30, Fountain Courtyard

Come create your own prayer beads at this quiet, prayerful workshop. You'll be given supplies and instruction to make your own set of prayer beads to take home in support of your prayer practice. There will be time for silence, creativity, and prayerful sharing. Each participant will have their own table set up in the Fountain Courtyard, practicing covid safety. Please bring your own water and snacks, and if you have art supplies you want to bring from home, or prayer journal, bring that too. For more information about this contemplative gathering, please contact Pastor Rachel at pastorrachel@uccseb.org. RSVP required by September 6th (so we can provide the right amount of supplies)



Faith Formation: Formed by Seasons

by Pastor lacey

Often in Christian communities we talk about the liturgical seasons that we move through together – Advent, Lent, Pentecost, etc. These seasons mark time in unique ways, inviting intentional reflection on particular parts of the story of Christ, forming us through different spiritual practices and calling us to a variety of actions and ways of being. September has



traditionally marked a time of new beginnings in our congregation, with Launch Sunday marking the start of a new program year as people return from summer break. This September, we find ourselves once again launching into another atypical year. The realities of the Delta variant mean we must continue adapting our capacities, practices and understandings of what it means to come together as the church. As I look for guidance and inspiration for the days and months ahead, I am also compelled by kin whose spiritual practices and understandings of time are grounded in the seasonal teachings from Earth. As you discern what your needs and capacities are for the year ahead, I wonder what insights might emerge as we look to Earth's seasons for guidance? When you reflect on your relationship with Community Church right now, what season are you in?

We are moving towards the autumnal season, a time of gathering up, taking stock and giving thanks for what we have done and who we have been. Perhaps you are finding yourself in this autumnal season. If so, how are you being called to reach out and connect to the community, offering spaces for care and nourishment? What kinds of gratitude practices might you be moved to engage others in and how might we be more fully formed and transformed as a church by gratitude?

Or perhaps you are finding yourself in the season of winter, ready to slow down and rest. I think of the many volunteers who have led our congregation without ceasing, season after season amidst COVID. This winter invitation is for all those in need of the coziness of hibernation and trust that this rest will hold you, will hold us all.

Perhaps you are finding yourself compelled like spring, to emerge afresh into the days ahead. If so, what spiritual gifts dwell in you, ready to blossom at this invitation? How are you being called to lean into this season of emergence and to share the emerging world with others?

Or perhaps you are finding yourself in the midst of summer, filled with abundant light and life. If so, how are you being called to share this abundance? What ways can you radiate this energy into the life of our church, so that we can continue to be a light for the world?

Whatever season you may be in, I pray you know the love of God is there with you, leading you to fullness and life. ✿



Dear Church,

Although many of us miss Camp Caz, including me, it was interesting to experience another UCC summer camp. The two camps are very different: one being 7,000 ft above sea level; the other having breezy cabins. Despite the differences, there were many traditions we were still able to bring, for example, camp songs, dust, bears, stargazing, and even sneaking in candy. Best of all, was making new friends and long-lasting memories. When we first got to camp, I was surprised to see large bathrooms that became more and more disgusting as the week went on, along with canvas tent cabins. Despite the differences and hair-raising smells, we were able to visit two very magical places, Mermaids Lagoon being the first. It was a few miles walk from camp, with a delightful bit of water that felt so good in the afternoon heat, never mind the leeches. Second, being a ten-mile hike up to the summit that looked out over the mountains and valleys. The sight was astonishing and empowering especially because of the three-month-long fire that had raged a year before and another fire, two weeks before camp that left ashes on the ground. Although there are many differences about Tam, we were able to make new memories like the Grand Kids and fumbling on the last verse of One Fat Hen. I'm happy to have been able to go and may return for the friends and people. ❄

*Tamar Knuth





The most meaningful thing at Camp Tam was how at certain spots there was amazing spots to see the stars at night, which made me really feel connected with nature. The most memorable moment was the last night where we had a rainbow dance where I had yelled my heart out singing to the music. ✨

** Owen Thomas



I really liked the camp because it was out in the forest so you really had the camp experience. But it also really went deep into the daily passages that they read everyday. With also my favorite part being TNT to show off talents and skits that were really cool. So it was really like exploring / hearing new ideas of what the passage meant. Overall I really liked Camp Tam. ✨

Is the Safe Church Policy Only for Those Helping with our Children? (Warning: trick question!)

By Larell Fineren, Council Representative for Faith Formation

Do you think the Safe Church policy is something that doesn't apply to you because you don't teach Sunday school or help in the nursery? That's what I thought before I started working with a group on updating our existing Safe Church Policy. I've learned that it really is something everyone in our church community needs to be familiar with. We all have a role in safeguarding our children, youth, and vulnerable adults by knowing what procedures are in place to help prevent harm or abuse. We don't ever want to have to say in hindsight, "I didn't think it could happen here." We want to be proactive and say, "It could happen here and this is how we will prevent it." If you are aware of the safeguards, and you don't see them being followed, you need to step forward and be part of the solution to a truly safe church—for everyone!

Pastors Lacey and Rachel, Beth Larssen, Joanne Matson, Chris Jenkins, and I have spent the last couple of months meeting to update the policy. This experienced group consisted of clergy, nurses, an attorney, and an educator. Some of us, due to our professions, are considered by the State to be "mandated reporters" of suspected abuse. We read current material on safety practices and abuse prevention in the church setting from our insurance company, our denomination, and other churches' policies to equip us for the updating. We presented the final draft of the policy in July to the Leadership Council for their consideration and final approval. Once approved, we will host trainings in September and October for those who regularly work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We welcome and encourage everyone to attend a training, or at least read the policy, so that we all know how to be a "guardian angel" for our more vulnerable members. ☼

Thank You Safe Church Policy Team

Earlier this spring, the Leadership Council charged Larell Fineren, Joanne Matson, Chris Jenkins, Beth Larssen and Pastors Lacey and Rachel, with the ministry of updating Community Church's Safe Church Policy (originally approved in 2017).

For over four months this team gathered weekly on Zoom, to pray with and discern practices and actions that would support and empower our congregation as we seek to live in right relationship with one another. I am so deeply grateful for the wisdom, inspiration and questions that were brought to and emerged in this sacred process. The updated Policy was approved by Council at the August meeting and can be found on the church's website by following this link: [https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2021 Safe Church Policy.pdf](https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2021%20Safe%20Church%20Policy.pdf) This is a living document, one that we will deepen with, change and commit to again and again. I am grateful for this blessing of this Policy and pray it guides us every more fully towards God's kingdom of love and justice. ☼

– Pastor Lacey

A Care Note from Pastor Rachel

Dear Friends,

None of us is getting any younger, evidently! In California, the population aged 60 years and over is expected to grow more than three times as fast as the total population by 2030. And in Sonoma County, the population of people over 60 is expected to increase by 145% between 2010-2060. What do these numbers mean for our community, our church and our families?

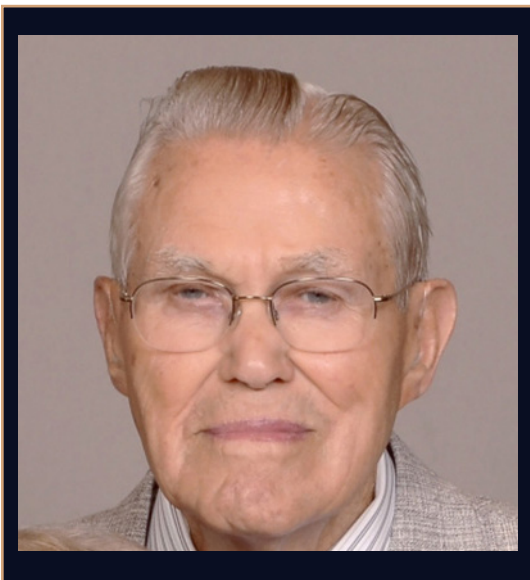
I recently read the California Master Plan on Aging (MPA), a large and well-researched document put out by the state. You can check it here: <https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/>. The MPA is a ten-year plan for how California intends to address the needs of our aging population. I think it's really important that our state is tracking this information and preparing. The MPA targets 5 areas: housing, health, inclusion, caregiving, and affording aging. I was specifically drawn in by the state's plan to support caregivers.

According to the state's research, caregivers are disproportionately women of color, living in multi-generational households. Caregivers are unpaid for their work, and caregiving takes them away from work that could be paid. They tend to have higher emotional and physical stress and poor health outcomes. Of the 5 million caregivers across the state, 1.7 million are caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia, and they don't have the training for the work they're being relied on to do. There is also a state-wide caregiving-worker shortage--these are paid caregivers who tend to be paid poorly even though the work they do is high-stress and higher-risk for job-related injury. In the next ten years, California is planning to offer paid family leave for caregivers, tailored to lower-income women of color. The state is aiming to train paid caregivers so they are better equipped, and are given the tools to advocate for a liveable wage.

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Lloyd Lerum **March 18, 1926 - August 19, 2021**



We remember with care, beloved church member Lloyd Lerum, who died in August at the age of 95. Lloyd was a strength and stay of our community-- both within our church, and in our wider town-- loved by so many for his dignified kindness, inventive engineering, and care for others.

Lloyd was born on a farm in Hannaford, North Dakota, to Norwegian immigrants. Farm life taught him the value of hard work, which shaped his perspective his whole life. After receiving an engineering degree from San Jose State University, Lloyd and his wife Marilyn eventually settled in Sebastopol and raised four children: Steve, Kathy, Jim, and Andy. He dearly loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lloyd was an active member of the Community Church, enjoyed gardening, and inventing things. Lloyd and his good friend Bill Stillman were largely responsible for automating many aspects of the Apple

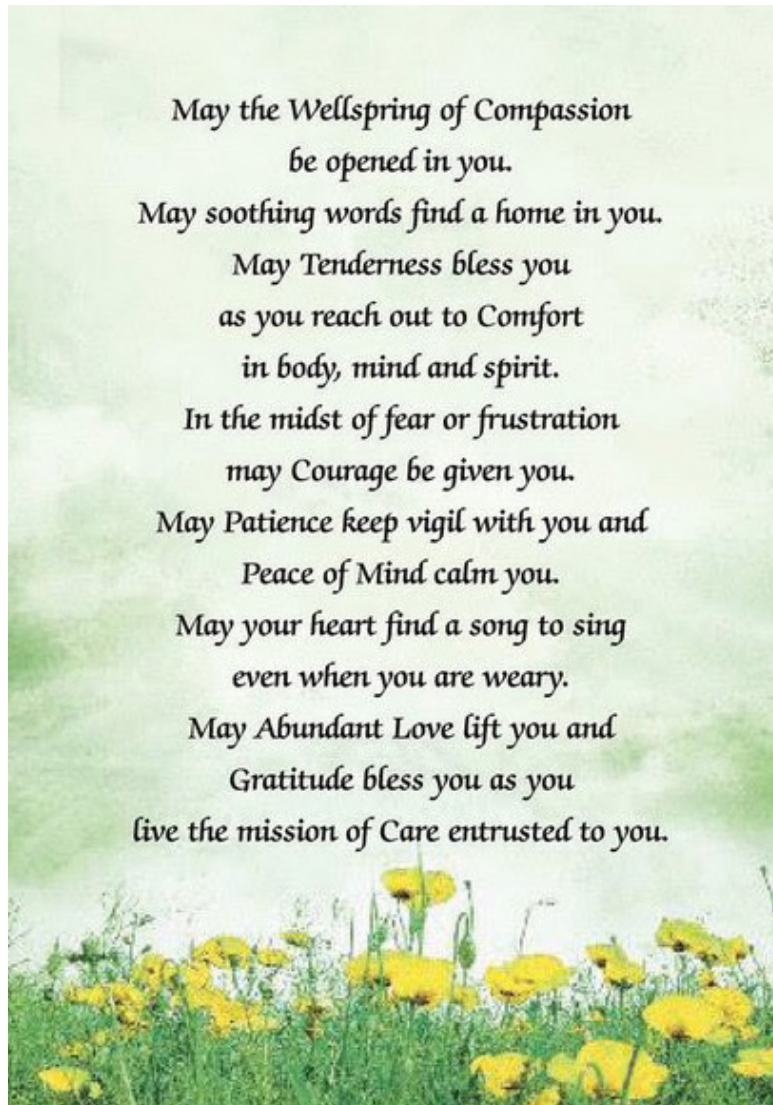
Pie fundraiser, which allowed our church to scale from making hundreds of pies to thousands. Lloyd had a quiet way of stepping in to help others, for example, giving rides to older gentlemen and generally looking out for their well-being. He will be dearly missed.

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If I could add to the state's response, I'd want to address some of the spiritual needs of caregivers. What I hear from people I talk to is that caregiving can be quite the paradox. It can be both rewarding and isolating at the same time. The experience can be filled with worry while also drawing out of the caregiver incredible compassion. It can require people to attend to very practical details while working through feelings of loss. Caregiving can cause people to deepen in their relationship with God, or make them feel far away from God. Sometimes caregivers can be close to suffering, and wonder whether anything redeeming can come out of it. They can also feel drained, physically, emotionally, and spiritually-- while simultaneously feeling filled up with love.

If you are a caregiver and would like to speak more about your spiritual journey, I would be delighted to be in conversation with you. And I offer this prayer from the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Ministry of the Arts:



I encourage all of us to pray for the caregivers in our midst, they are really holding a lot. If you know someone who is taking care of a loved one at home, you might consider sending them a card to encourage them, ask if you can stop by with a meal sometime, or if you can stay with their loved one while they take a much-needed break. Simple kindnesses can go a long way to support our caregivers, even while the state considers systemic supports.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Rachel

Gratitude for the Congregational Life Team

By Pastor Rachel

I want to thank Kathy Bell, Brian Wetzel, Rosemary Manchester, Pat Furber, Deanna Euritt, and Jamie Malone for their service on the Congregational Life Team this past year. We did awesome things in a year that was not known for awesomeness! So, I want to offer them VERY BIG THANKS for all the zoom calls and creative ideas and events that they planned together this year. I'm grateful for their time and energy and for dreaming up ways to encourage the members of our church community to relate to one another, even when restrictions kept us apart.

As the job description stated, this Team was created for a one-year term during the pandemic as a way to create connections between people while we were all apart. And... what a year it has been.

Here are some things I'm thankful for...

- I'm thankful they all said "yes" to being on this team!
- For the creative juicy ideas they brought.
- For all the ways they imagined how others might be feeling, and how we might create a sense of belonging.
- For thinking of the loneliest members of our church and wanting to connect with them.
- For dreaming up some super fun activities.
- For meeting together regularly, and for the camaraderie in our group as we planned activities and programs!

Here are some of the events we created...

- Walk on the Wildside, Advent walking tour of the church campus
- Monthly Game Nights
- "Anam Cara" Phonecalls for elders living alone
- Wine Tasting Nights
- Blessing of the Animals in worship
- Movie Nights
- Book Discussions
- Bingo

Amazing!! And thank you!

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich lived through another pandemic, the bubonic plague-- her writings have been speaking to me lately, especially her idea of "one-ing" which I understand as unity in Christ. She says, "It is by our longing that we will be liberated. Through our yearning for oneing, we shall come to be one." I'm grateful that this team supported our congregation in its yearning to be one, in a time when so many of us felt fractured and in pieces. Thanks be to God for Kathy, Brian, Rosemary, Pat, Deanna, and Jamie!✿



Thresholds*

Births: We Welcome, with Love...

Violet Ann Nichols, Child of Ryan and Kelle Nichols, Grandchild of Barbara & Curt Nichols, born July 9, 2021
Roman Lawrence Foster-Justus, Child of Nathan Foster & Emily Justus, Grandchild of Lisa & Chris Dawson, born July 15, 2021

Deaths: We Release, with Care...

Lloyd Lerum, March 18, 1926 - August 19, 2021

*Thresholds is a new quarterly section of the Salt + Light Newsletter. If you have a Birth or Death Announcement to share, please contact Pastor Rachel at pastorrachel@uccseb.org.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - August 18, 2021

Summary of what was accomplished during the Leadership Council Meeting:

- ◆ Approved Safe Church Policy
- ◆ Reviewed budget priorities for various ministry areas
- ◆ Discussed how to organize reaching out to members
- ◆ Clarified our budget challenges
- ◆ Anti-racism update, including advocacy work for agricultural workers in SoCo during fire season
- ◆ Financial report: July ended with a positive net result of \$3,577

For continued discussion:

- ◇ Work is needed to create a Transportation Policy, as a stand alone document, that includes liability rules and protocol transporting minors
- ◇ Need to continue to identify budget priorities
- ◇ Survey members about volunteering at the church

Quick updates:

- Apple Pie event was a successful tryout of the new apple machine
- Conestoga Huts were approved by the Sebastopol City Council. Construction to start on October 14
- Adult Mission Trip to Paradise is planned for September 19
- A new family from Honduras has arrived with help from West County Accompaniment team
- Pastor Ben and Robert will prepare a behavioral covenant to handle conflict in times of crisis
- Kathy Bell and Kathy Matthies will organize a group to rebuild and reach out to the congregation

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✿



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whole of creation new... it will come true... it is already done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, both the Beginning and the End."

As we begin our next program year, what new thing are you beholding? What new possibility are you being called to participate in? What new patterns is God creating in your life, in your relationships, in your practices? Behold all things new. ✿

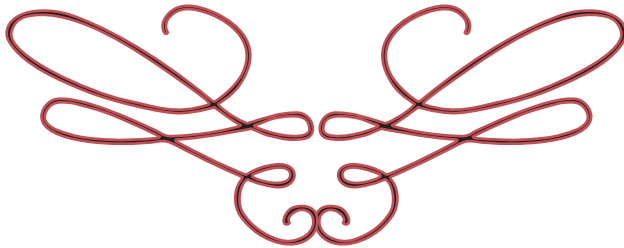
2021 Apple Pie Event Wrap-up

By Kathy Matthies

Even though the Gravenstein Apple Fair was cancelled for 2021, the church held a scaled down version of our annual Apple Pie Event. The weekend was a success as marked by the production and baking of 156 pies. This could not have had happened without volunteers, and the committee wants to say thank you to those of you who joined us.

With the acquisition of a new apple processing machine, that peels, cores and slices 600 apples/hour, we had become our own apple processing producer, thus bypassing the need to use a commercial apple producer. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Apple Pie event. We plan to hold the event at the church and sell pies from the parking lot.

During this Apple Pie Event, one of our founding saints who left his mark and love on almost everything needed to make the pie event efficient and streamlined, passed away. For 48 years, Lloyd Lerum shared his engineering talents, his muscle and determination to make the events a success. He will be terribly missed. Thank you, Lloyd, for all that you gave. ❀



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Here are some memories of Lloyd from our church community:

“Since my first experience in 1994 volunteering as a baker, Lloyd Lerum was at the end of the table using pre-cored apples through a slicer he made. While touching up apple slices 2 weeks ago pre-treated with our new peeler/corer/slicer machine, I missed his quiet presence while also feeling relief he was likely unaware his longtime role had been eliminated. But then he probably would have been more excited by the technological advance and found another way to support our church’s signature event. I will always think of Lloyd as Mr. Apple Pie, aka Slicerman. I have and will continue to miss his quiet presence among us.”

“When my Dad had alzheimers, Lloyd came often to take him for a drive and out to lunch. His quiet friendship brightened my father’s life in a hard time. I’ll be forever grateful to him.”

Our prayers are with Lloyd’s wife, Marilyn, his children, including Kathy Bell, and his grandchildren, including Carter & Dawson Bell. May the Spirit cover them with comfort and peace in this season of loss. ❀



Saturday Table For Those in Need

By Joanne Matson

There is an African proverb that reads, "the hunger of one, is the shame of all."

Churches have long histories of providing table fellowship, not only for their own members, but for the surrounding community. especially for those who might go unnoticed.

Nine years ago, our congregation, along with four other churches, (Sebastopol United Methodist, Sebastopol Christian, St. Stephen's Episcopal, Occidental Laguna Sangha) began the ministry of providing a Saturday lunch to those in need , whether in need of nourishing food or in need of social connection.

Over the years, our guests have included homeless persons, young backpackers, seniors, low-income housing residents. We have shared in their personal stories of illness, homelessness, job searches, and hard life experiences. Some have become sustainable; others continue to struggle. The second Saturday ministry has simply listened and encouraged while providing food and fellowship.

The usual fare is a home cooked hot meal prepared by various members of our church community. Our guests have enjoyed meals prepared by the youth group, Salads created by church children, and those special signature dishes crafted by church members.

With Faith and Action Sunday coming up on September 26, everyone will have the opportunity to participate in this ministry by signing up for any second Saturday. We welcome salads, desserts, or those special main dishes. Just check your calendar! Take note of upcoming second Saturdays and make that commitment you've always thought about!

If you have questions, or would like to contribute, call Joanne Matson, 823-5249. ☼



September Birthdays

2	Mary McMillon	11	Sheina Curtis	21	Judy Hawkins
3	Sophia Broadbent-Bell	11	Robyn Pitts	21	Tyler Kalemba
3	David Kilpatrick	12	Tom Tucker	22	Gregory Nichols
4	Greg Davis	13	Kathy Bell	23	Henry Allen
4	Sebastian Kauffman	13	Brandon Cutting	23	Carleen Madsen
5	Chris Stoll	13	Rory Sterling	23	Mark Murakami
7	Karna Dawson	13	Manie Steyn	23	Julie Reimer
7	Jane Huneke	14	Troy Holland	25	Celeste Albin
7	Will Whitehorn	14	Fran Rasmus	25	Jim Furber-Dobson
8	Catherine Reznik	15	Henry Knuth	26	Spencer Allen
8	Walt Taddeucci	15	Paula Pearce	26	Drew Thomas
9	Renee Murakami	16	Joshua Hovden	29	Jonah Knuth
9	Tony Sucheston	17	Katy Nestor	29	Edwin Wilson
10	Michele Bowman	19	Reena Burton	30	Carmen Yeager
10	Gregg Yaylian	20	Max Hidalgo		



Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 9, 2021
9:30am-5:00pm
Westminster Woods
Cost \$30, includes lunch

We Make the Way by Walking
Finding Hope With Each Step
with

Rev. Lacey Hunter and Dr. Sharon Fennema

Join us for a one day retreat of fellowship and inspiration lead by our Minister of Faith Formation, Lacey Hunter and her partner Sharon who teaches at the Pacific School of Religion. Lunch will be included.

Following the wisdom of the threefold pattern of labyrinths and pilgrimage - releasing, receiving, integrating - our women's retreat will offer space for reflection, creative engagement and care as we find ourselves on this unfolding journey. To what pathways are you giving your heart? What blessings are to be found along the way? What journey companions will accompany you? All woman-identified community members are welcome to participate in this time for paying attention to where we are and setting intentions for what lies ahead.

Please send this form with \$30 to Marge Holland
8949 Barnett Valley Rd. Sebastopol 95472

Name _____

Email _____

_____ I would like to carpool with someone.

_____ I would be happy to give someone a ride.

An Update from the Safe Return Task Force

By Chris Chang Weeks

Starting next week, we are ready to open the indoor space at the church to church member meetings and outside groups, such as 12-steps. We're trying to balance the risks of the Delta variant, air quality and the weather. We have invested in air purifiers in all rooms and we now have on board a full-time custodian.

For now, the rooms will be limited to half capacity.

- Media Room Max 15 people
- Fellowship Hall Max 30 people
- Fireside Room Max 10 people
- Memorial Hall Max 100 people
- Sanctuary Max 80 people

When indoors, everyone must wear face masks, be fully vaccinated and practice physical distance when possible. We ask that people refrain from eating and drinking in the Media Room or Fireside Room.

Please contact Chris at office@uccseb.org if you would like to reserve a room for a meeting. Before the first meeting, check in with her to learn how to turn on the air purifier for that room. ☸

Help for Honduran Family

We are helping a mom and 3 children (ages 8, 5, and 18months) from Honduras, who are here seeking asylum. They are in Sebastopol and are being helped by the West County Accompaniment Team. Peggy Porter, Joyce Cox, and Judy Davison are a part of the team. We are currently looking for

- water dispenser
- mini refrigerator
- working chrome book or laptop
- armoire
- Safeway gift cards

We REALLY need a fluent Spanish speaker who can translate on occasion or who would like to participate on the team.

If you have any of the above to donate, please let Joyce know. Email: b-j-cox@att.net; phone: 707.829.0750 ☸

5 FOR FARMWORKERS IN FIRES

In Sonoma county, we are on the frontlines of climate change fueled wildfires. Every year, fires grow bigger, more intense, and more destructive. Farmworkers face the brunt of these dangers.

Our county is known for wine, with a value of \$1.9B in annual revenue, but without the work of farmworkers their would be no wine industry.

11,060 FARMWORKERS IN THE WINE INDUSTRY

SIGN THE PETITION TO SUPPORT FARMWORKERS' PRIORTIES FOR SAFETY & RESPECT DURING WILDFIRE HARVEST:

- 1 LANGUAGE JUSTICE**
- 2 DISASTER INSURANCE**
- 3 COMMUNITY SAFETY OBSERVERS**
- 4 PREMIUM HAZARD PAY**
- 5 CLEAN BATHROOMS AND WATER**

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Events in September at Community Church

We are gradually reopening at Community Church. Outdoor in-person worship services have commenced. Check our online calendar at <https://uccseb.org/Calendar.php> for updates.

Sept 1	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge Women's Bible Study, Fountain Courtyard Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Sept 2	Card Writing Ministry, 3:00 p.m., Women's Fellowship Rm
Sept 5	15th Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m., Fountain Courtyard Kinship Time, 11:45 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
Sept 6	Labor Day
Sept 7	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Men's Discussion Group, 11:30:00 p.m., Bell Tower Courtyard Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Sept 8	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge Women's Bible Study, Fountain Courtyard Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary Outreach Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Sept 11	Second Saturday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
Sept 12	16th Sunday after Pentecost/Launch Sundy, 10:30 a.m., Fountain Courtyard Kinship Time, 11:45 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
Sept 13	Contemplative Gathering, 10:30 a.m., Fountain Courtyard
Sept 14	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Men's Discussion Group, 11:30:00 p.m., Bell Tower Courtyard Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary Pastor-Parish Relations Team (Ben), 5:00 p.m., Zoom
Sept 15	Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge Women's Bible Study, Fountain Courtyard Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Media Room
Sept 19	Adult SALT Trip (to Sept 24) 17th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 a.m., Fountain Courtyard Conversation with the Bible, 9:15 a.m., Zoom Kinship Time, 11:45 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
Sept 21	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Sept 22	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge Women's Bible Study, Fountain Courtyard Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Sept 26	18th Sunday after Pentecost/Faith in Action, 10:30 a.m., Fountain Courtyard Kinship Time, 11:45 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
Sept 28	Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Sept 29	Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge Women's Bible Study, Fountain Courtyard Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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- Showers
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