

### **SALT & LIGHT**

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### **Lengthening of Days**

Dr. Rev. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on March 5. Lent stretches 40 days, not including Sundays, culminates in Holy Week, and ends at first light on Easter morning. The word Lent comes from an old German word, lengizin, which refers to "spring" and literally means "lengthen." Lent marks the lengthening days of spring (in the northern hemisphere), the growing light, and the emergence of renewed life.

But Lent begins with an acknowledgement of death, one sure thing all humans have in common with each other and all other living things. I once heard Brian McLaren observe that "being human is a terminal condition." On Ash Wednesday, if we have the courage, we allow someone to place a cross made of ash on our foreheads and to remind us that "you have come from the dust, and to the dust you shall return."



Last December, it dawned on me that I had not officiated at a single public memorial service, funeral, or graveside ceremony in the past year. Part of this, no doubt was due to there being only three members of our church who died in 2024. But I have also noticed that people are opting to have no service, or to have a private gathering of close family, or to just get together with close friends to tell stories about the person who has died.

I've heard people offer several reasons why they are choosing not to have a public worship service:

- They (the person who died) didn't want a big fuss to be made.
- It just seems like too much to organize.
- I can't find a time when everyone can be there.
- It's too expensive.

While I think I understand what's behind many of these comments, I want to make a positive case for memorial services and funerals as a faithful expression of Christian practice.

As Christians, we believe there is an Other who is our creator, redeemer and sustainer. Our life is a gift from that One and the proper response to a gift is gratitude. For this reason, I prefer

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"Thanksgiving" to "Celebration" as the primary frame for a memorial service. We gather to give thanks to God for the gift of this person; to appreciate them and the grace we witnessed in them.

- Christians also believe that our individual stories only have meaning in relationship to others and to the larger stories that make us who we are. We do not make sense on our own, but in relation to our ancestors, our cultures, our neighborhoods, our geography, and our faith. A memorial service places the unique story of this particular person into the larger frame of the story of faith. We are not merely a collection of anecdotes shared by family and friends. We are unique manifestations of God's love who spend a lifetime responding to God's claim upon our lives.
- The word liturgy means "work of the people." The order of worship, or liturgy, is a tried-and-true container and path that helps a gathered people move in and out of welcome and praise, lament, celebration, and release. There are no wrong feelings in a memorial service. The whole self is welcomed by the sanctuary, the gathering of the people, the music, the prayers, the readings, the silence. No memorial service is perfect (in fact, I've been to some pretty bad ones), but the order of the service, hold people together who are falling apart from grief.
- Memorial services and funerals openly acknowledge the reality of death in a culture that is afraid of death and won't call it by name. We can only make peace with death, others' and our own, if we face it with courage and, dare I say, with affection. Christians believe we have already died once at baptism, buried to the violence of the world, and raised with Christ to new life. Our eventual physical death is our final baptism, our final entry into God's everlasting love.

I wonder whether the dearth of memorial services is a symptom of the anxiety of our age. It all seems like too much. Too much time, too much organizing, too much money, too much emotion. We don't think we have the capacity to make it happen, so we opt for smaller private gatherings that can be sweet and poignant, but lack the wider community, the larger story, the reliable container, and the reality check.

Ash Wednesday is a kind of funeral rehearsal for all of us. We will all die someday, maybe today. All of us came from dust, the dust of stars that formed 14 billion years ago. And we will all return to dust. In the meantime, we live as spirit-infused dust, grateful for today, for the time we have, for these people and this purpose. During Lent, we experience the lengthening of days as we prepare for Palm Sunday praise, Maundy Thursday betrayal, Good Friday horror, Holy Saturday silence, and daybreak on that great, getting' up morning that marks the redeeming of all our days.



### March 2025 WORSHIP

### Transfiguration & the Season of Lent

### Worship Details...

We worship in the sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Services are live streamed on <u>YouTube</u> & <u>Facebook</u> Weekly bulletin and announcements available at www.uccseb.org

### **MARCH 2 – Transfiguration Sunday**

On this last Sunday in season of Epiphany, we celebrate Holy Communion and hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration. The Chancel Choir, directed by Andy DelMonte, sings and Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on Luke 9:28-36, entitled, "The Trans-Figured Christ."

MARCH 5 – Ash Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. We gather this evening in the sanctuary for an all-ages contemplative candlelight service to mark the beginning of the season of Lent with the imposition of ashes.

### MARCH 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

We continue the season of Lent and the Handbell Ensemble, directed by **Karna Roa**, provides worship music and our theme hymn is "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Luke 4:1–13 entitled, "Songs from the Desert."

### MARCH 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Today our theme hymn is "Jesus Loves Me," the Chancel Choir offers worship music and **Rev. Gene Nelson**, Pastor Emeritus, preaches a sermon on Luke 13:31–35 entitled "Blessed is the One".



# SINGING THROUGH LENT AND EASTER

### MARCH 23 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Today our theme hymn is "Amazing Grace" and a special ensemble provides worship music. Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Luke 13:1-9 entitled "That Poor Fig Tree."

### MARCH 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Our theme hymn is "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," and the Threshold Singers provide worship music while Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on the Parable of the Forgiving Parent entitled, "While Still Far Off."



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



March 1	Maya Malone	March 13	Maria Culberson
March 1	Lily Pelton	March 15	Luis Quezada
March 1	Ann Shradar	March 16	Cecelia MacKillop
March 2	Linda Basso	March 16	Sara Poisson
March 3	Connie Blackstone	March 17	Lori Babcock
March 3	Nancy Degenkolb	March 18	Karyl Clendenen-Drennon
March 3	C.J. Hudlow	March 19	Bree Cassells
March 3	Jules Burdelsky	March 19	Mary Culberson
March 4	Pam Kruse	March 20	Joyce Cox
March 5	Susan Olson	March 20	Christine Vincent
March 5	Denelle Tognozzi	March 21	Eliana Curtis
March 6	Ross Pimentel	March 22	Carter Bell
March 9	Julie Davis	March 22	Taylor Davison
March 10	Leslie Wood	March 23	Bridget Hole
March 11	Joella Falkingham	March 24	Forest Cole
March 11	Elena Larssen	March 26	Olivia Stoll
March 11	Curt Nichols	March 28	ruchel leah
March 12	Avy Card	March 30	Emmett Burton-Young
March 12	Owen Thomas	March 30	Lois Michelsen
March 12	Reece Thomas	March 30	Margarette Murakami
		March 31	Zoe Dillard

## Looking for a Lenten Lift? Soup Suppers and Faith Journeys are back!

#### **Bobbie Johanson**

Join in our rich tradition of Soup Suppers and Faith Journeys. You are invited to share a simple meal and conversation with others. We will sup on a variety of soups and then head to the chapel to hear a Faith Journey of one member of our congregation on Monday evenings in Lent. You are welcome to just come for the soup or the Faith Journey as your interest and time allows. Listening to the Faith Journey is an opportunity to learn about a person's path through their unique growth in our Christian faith. It is an excellent time for deepening connections to other members in our congregation.

We will be meeting on Mondays in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m., for a soup supper. The Faith Journey will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chapel and conclude at 8:00 p.m. **Kathy Matthies, Bobbie Johanson** and **Jane Huneke** will be coordinating the suppers. We need 5-6 soups each week. Please let us know if you can provide a soup for which date and what you plan to make. Bread will be provided.

**Stuart Mitchell** has recruited our speakers and will be the host in the Chapel. He will do introductions and guide the question and answer time after the faith journey. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these special evenings of food, faith and fellowship.

March 10: Quent Cole

March 24: Co Dungca

March 31: Mary Culberson

April 4: Maria Culberson

April 11: Raymond Dougherty

Got Soup? Email **Bobbie**: <u>bjohanso@sonic.net</u> Email **Kathy:** <u>kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com</u>



## ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

#### Jane Huneke

Do you enjoy the church family working together to make apple pies? The fun of getting to know new people? An intergenerational activity? Well, Guess What? You have another opportunity to work together, make new friends and spruce up the church before Easter.

### **All Church Workday**

When: Saturday, April 19, 9:00-12:00 noon

with pizza at noon

"What?" you say. "I have company coming that weekend." Bring them along!

Possible tasks might be working in the gardens, painting, helping put on a new roof for the nursery school shed, buffing the gym floor, putting up a sign. Who knows what else we'll think of!!

**What to bring**: work gloves, water bottles, clippers, shovels, wheel barrels, 30 gal. garbage cans, music, a willingness to work and make new acquaintances and pride in your church.

Mark your calendar. See you there. The more hands, the better! Any questions contact **Jane Huneke** at (707) 889-6852.









### Women's Retreat 2025 April 11-15

### Koret Conference Center, Camp Newman 4088 Porter Creek Rd, Santa Rosa

We are excited to announce that this year's Women's Retreat will be at a lovely new conference center located just 30 minutes from the church at Camp Newman which is between Santa Rosa and Calistoga (photos and info on their website at <a href="https://www.campnewman.org">www.campnewman.org</a>.

Our facilitator is **Victoria MacDonald** who is a San Francisco Bay Area Retreat Presenter, workshop and seminar Facilitator, and Spiritual Director. Victoria MacDonald, lives in Sebastopol. She has a degree in Spirituality from Naropa University. Her retreats offer creative, lively, and meaningful insights into the many issues affecting people of faith today. She has been offering Spiritual Direction for individuals and groups since 2003, and over the years, has presented a number of men and women's retreats, visioning workshops, and retreats for various non-profit groups and faith organizations.

The people who visited Camp Newman were very impressed with the lovely facility. The grounds are beautiful and the areas around the buildings are all paved for easy access. There are 3 choices for housing. There is a Lodge with upscale hotel-style double occupancy rooms with 2 queen beds, bathroom, mini fridge, microwave, and Keurig coffee maker. The motel-style rooms have 4 twin-size beds and a bathroom. Cabins have 4 sets of bunk beds and a bathroom. There are lots of trails, pickleball and sport courts, basketball, disc golf course, and other activities. (This camp was burned in the Tubbs fire and the buildings are new.)

We hope you will join us for a wonderful weekend of spiritual renewal in a lovely location. It is a fun time to connect with other women on a deeper level and also have fun together. There are plenty of free time activities including games, puzzles, art projects, and walks to name a few.

Please register now! Our lead time is short. Click <u>HERE</u> to register online or pick up an application on the counter in the church office. Deadline is March 21.



### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



**Craig Allender and C.J. Hudlow** – CJ and Craig, and their children Callia and Samantha, moved back to Sebastopol from Novato last year in part because of our church community. They are excited to officially become members and continue their active participation in many church activities and committees.

CJ's parents, Carole and Jerry Hudlow, joined this church when they moved to Sebastopol in the early 70's. CJ was baptized in this sanctuary in 1978, and the church has been a huge part of her life. She grew up with Family Flicks, PF (now youth group), mission trips (now SALT), Emmaus, and of course Camp Caz. CJ has worked for The Nature Conservancy for over 20 years and is an avid traveler.

Craig Allender is an engineer, having moved from Pennsylvania to the Bay Area in 2002, when he first met CJ. When he's not recovering from knee surgeries, he enjoys hiking, camping, the local wine and beer scene, and college football.

Callia and Samantha are in 7th and 5th Grade at Sun Ridge School. Sam is on the Sea Serpent swim team and Callia plays basketball, but their first love is musical theater.
Welcome CJ, Craig, Samantha, and Callia.



Joe and Sasza Anderson - Joseph was born into the Orthodox Christ church. While he'd been in church his entire life, he had a dramatic near-death experience in 2015 that led him to a deeper understanding of the Reality of God. He married in 2017, and from 2020 to 2024 he grappled with the difficulty of balancing the lessons of the Gospel with the actions of the Russian Orthodox church, in particular, during the massive war in Ukraine and his husband's transition. After the passing of a friend from anti-Semitism and the re-election of Donald Trump, Joseph chose to publicly separate himself from the faith of his parents and instead to search for a church that espoused the same understanding of the teach ings of compassion, acceptance, and love that Jesus taught. His husband,

Sasza, and sister-in-law, Rachel, had visited Community Church and, after a single Sunday singing hymns with my husband, he knew that this was a place where he could authentically be himself while worshipping Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Sasza grew up Orthodox Christian but has had to leave in recent years due to changing life circumstances and values. He started attending a few months ago with his sister and two nephews and was struck by the warm welcome and comfortable environment. He is excited to bring his organizational skills and experience with children to this community and is looking forward to singing in the choir. He lives with his husband of seven years and their many pets. Welcome Sasza and Joe.



Anna and Michael Citrino - Anna moved to Graton two and a half years ago with her husband Michael where they live with their cat Teekeh. She was an English and social studies teacher working in six international locations as well as in California. Anna grew up in Baptist churches, joined a Lutheran church after college, and is in the process of deconstructing and reconstructing ideas of God and faith. Abraham Joshua Heschel's statement, "Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement... Every thing is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed," captures Anna's perspective life.

### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS cont...

**Anna and Michael Citrino cont...** Anna is working on learning Spanish and Italian, loves going on adventures, and is an author. She participates in Community Church's meditation group and looks forward to finding ways to engage with others here at the church in any of the activities she enjoys biking, hiking, gardening, taking photos, drawing, reading, and writing.

For 26 years, Michael taught art or 4th grade in international schools in Turkey, Kuwait, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, India, and London. He is currently retired, but loves spending time gardening, cycling, hiking, volunteering at the food bank, reading, occasionally getting out to fish, and staying engaged with his meditation practice. Michael is a recovering Catholic who found Peace United Church of Christ in Santa Cruz and was directed to Community Church in Sebastopol by my dad, Matt, a retired UCC minister. Last Sunday, Michael is the Council Officer for Facilities on the Leadership Council. He looks forward to engaging with this community in a variety of ways. For example, if you are interested in forming a bocce team for the Santa Rosa league, Michael would love to talk to you! Welcome Anna and Michael!



**David Lennox** - David is a loving friend, brother, and son who is also autistic. He has special interests in garbage and delivery trucks, live music, and the appreciation of Andy DelMonte. David enjoys participating in community and does his best to be a gentleman. One way that David likes to be of service is by picking up garbage in his neighborhood. He is a good guy. Welcome David.



**Elin Lennox** - Elin is the proud sibling of David and a supporter of the disability community. She is an artist and intellectual who participates in multiple religious traditions. Elin prioritizes beauty in life. You can catch her on campus at San Jose State where she is working towards a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. Feel free to ask her any questions you have about interacting with David. Welcome Elin.



Gary Leucht - Gary was born in Chicago and baptized in a Lutheran denomination. He has worked in body shop management for about 45 years and has lived in Sonoma County for 40 years. Some of his fun interests include golf, water skiing, snow skiing, traveling, and camping. He came to Community Church after meeting and coming to church with Brenda Flynn whom he calls, "my special lady." Gary hopes to deepen his connection with God through his savior Jesus Christ through the teaching and preaching of this church. Welcome Gary.

### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS cont...



**Greg Nicholas** - Greg is of Greek descent and grew up in the OrthodoX Church. He is a part-time resident of Greece. He also lives in Sebastopol, on Florence Ave., at the house with a Batman statue in front. You can catch Greg walking Massimo, his Italian Volpino dog, around town. Feel free to say Opa! when you see him. Welcome Greg.



**Amber Romandy** - Amber is mother to her 6-year-old son, Jules. They live in Occidental where they enjoy living in the calm of the Redwood forest. Amber is new to Christianity. Her biggest journey right now is coming closer to the Love she sees that you all, in this congregation, have for each other in the service of Christ. Welcome Amber.



Kate Schwartz - Kate has found a warm and welcoming community here and is excited to officially make Community Church part of her life. Kate shares her home and time with her husband (who you might not get a chance to meet due to his work schedule) and son, Silas (who you have likely met due to his love of meeting people). Kate works as a physical therapist and loves being a real part of our local community. Her family also prioritizes getting out into nature and visiting family with whom they are very close. Welcome Kate.



**Steve & Mimi Reid** - Steve and Mimi Reid are long-time Petaluma residents and found the church through their friendship with the Knuth family. They have two adult daughters who live in Philadelphia and Cotati. Mimi runs her own business making dog-related products, and Steve works as an environmental engineer for a public agency in San Francisco. Steve and Mimi met at a Baptist seminary in Marin County and are happy to have a new church home after being away from church life for many years.



### **Rebuilding Together Sebastopol**

Andrea Card



Have you been looking for an opportunity to give back to our local community? Have you wondered what the Outreach Committee spends their time doing? Do you want to participate in a One-Day Mini SALT (Service And Learning Together) Trip? Join the Outreach Committee in a day of service with our friends at Rebuilding Together Sebastopol! Save the date for Saturday, May 3rd. "Neighbors helping neighbors, like the barn-raising of old, is the American spirit in action.

Rebuilding Together is the leading national volunteer organization that in partnership with communities was born of that spirit as people came together to help their neighbors in need repair their homes." This organization has a vision of providing safe homes and communities for everyone. The services provided change from year to year, so we are still awaiting more information. We hope to have an idea as to the scope of work prior to the date of service. Our own Glenda Elvy was a recipient of work by Rebuilding Together when they installed an electric chairlift for the stairs at her home – making her home accessible and safe.

Members of the Outreach Committee, and other dedicated members of our wonderful church, have volunteered over the years with this organization and have found the work very satisfying. Many of our neighbors have worked all their lives and have been physically and financially able to maintain their homes in good condition. Now due to illness, the loss of a spouse, aging, and/or economic hardships, they are unable do repair work themselves and their homes become unsafe or deteriorate. In the past, we have provided yard work and clean up for an elderly woman who had become disabled and needed a walker, so was unable to do any yard work. She adored her yard and was proud of the plants that grew in it, but the weeds had taken over. With Rebuilding Together, a group of volunteers was able to prune, weed, and clear pathways. Not only was the group able to provide a service but they were also able to form a connection.

On May 3, the day will start at Ives Park for breakfast and assignments of duties along with your group leader for the day. You will receive a T-shirt from Rebuilding Together upon check-in. Lunches are provided and brought to your worksite. Not always are jobs completed in one day of service but Rebuilding Together will finish the project for the homeowner.

Families and individuals are encouraged to participate (children under 14 just need a parent to volunteer with them). Get to know your fellow church members better along with members of our community. It's a fun day of comraderie and hard work.

Sign up at <a href="rtsebastopol.org">rtsebastopol.org</a>. Contact **Peggy Porter** at <a href="pporter501@gmail.com">pporter501@gmail.com</a> or (707) 291-6353 with questions or go to the <a href="Rebuilding Together Sebastopol">Rebuilding Together Sebastopol</a> website to learn more about this great organization and to watch the short television special done on Rebuilding Together Sebastopol.



### St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser

Our sister church, the Altadena Community Church, United Church of Christ, lost its building to the Eaton Fire in LA, and needs our support. The Outreach Committee will hold a dinner to raise funds for their rebuilding. Come together and show our support at a dinner cooked by caterer **Kathy Matthies**.

Monday, March 17, 5-8 p.m., Fellowship Hall \$30.00 per person \$15.00 per child Sing along to your favorite Irish songs!

Opportunity Drawing gift baskets to win

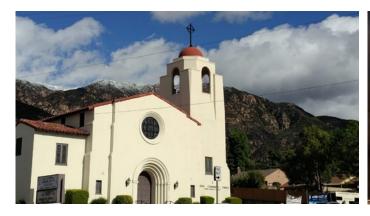
To attend, please see the link below to reserve your space and pay.



Click Here to pay on Realm or scan the QR code below.



Below are pictures of The Altadena Community Church UCC. So sad. Let's help them rebuild!





### March 2025 Events at Community Church

March 2 **Transfiguration Sunday, Worship Service, 10 am, Sanctuary** Kinship Time, 11 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations Safe Church Training, 11:15, Media Room 8/9 Grade OWL, Media Room March 3 Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Fireside Room March 4 Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary Men's Discussion Group, 6 pm, Fireside Room March 5 **ASH WEDNESDAY** Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Faith In Action Team, 5 pm, Fireside Room Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary March 6 Meditation Group, Noon, Room 6 Women's Fellowship Card Writing, 2 pm, WF Room Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm, Choir Room March 8 8/9 Grade OWL Retreat II, 9 am, Chapel Second Saturday Luncheon, Noon, Fellowship Hall March 9 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR 1st Sunday in Lent, Worship Service, 10 am, Sanctuary Godly Play (K-5), 10:15 am, Room 6 Kinship Time, 11 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Location OLDER Adult OWL Class, 11:15 am, Media Room March 10 Lenten Soup Supper, 6pm, Fellowship Hall Faith Journey Program, 7 pm, Chapel March 11 Grounds Team, 9 am, Campus Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Facilities Committee, 10 am, Fireside Room Personnel Committee, 10 am, Chapel Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary Lead Minister Pastor-Parish Relations Team, 5 pm, Fireside Room

Outreach Committee, 7 pm, Fireside Room

March 12 Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6

March 13 Meditation Group, Noon, Room 6

Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm, Choir Room

March 15 April Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline

March 16 2nd Sunday in Lent, Worship Service, 10 am, Sanctuary

Kinship Time, 11 am, Bell Tower Courtyard

Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Location

8/9 OWL Class, 1 pm, Media Room

*March 17* Prayer Shawls, 10 am, Fireside Room

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall

### March 2025 Events at Community Church cont.

*March 18* Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus

Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Finance Committee, 3 pm, Fireside Room Health & Safety Team, 3:30 pm, Room 6

Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary

March 19 Staff Meeting, 10 am, Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6

Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Media Room

March 20 Meditation Group, 12 pm, Room 6

Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm, Choir Room

March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent, Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary

Godly Play, K-5th Grade, 10:15 am, Room 5 Kinship Time, 11am, Bell Tower Courtyard

Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations

8/9 OWL Class, 1 pm, Media Room

March 24 Lenten Soup Supper, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Faith Journey Program, 7 pm, Chapel

March 25 Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus

Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary

March 26 Staff Meeting, 10 am, Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6

March 27 Meditation Group, Noon, Room 6

Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm, Choir Room

March 30 4th Sunday in Lent, Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary

Kinship Time, 11am, Bell Tower Courtyard

Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations

8/9 OWL Class, 1 pm, Media Room

March 31 Lenten Soup Supper, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Faith Journey Program, 7 pm, Chapel



### **GRAINS OF SALT**



### SPECS OF LIGHT



**MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** meets the first Tuesday of the month, February 4, at 6 p.m., in the Fireside Room.

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION** group will take place Saturday, March 8th, in the Fireside Room at 2:00 p.m. Joanne Matson will talk about her 20 years of experience as a volunteer with the Chronicle Season of Sharing Fund. The mission and purpose of the fund is to provide critical short-term assistance that allows Bay Area residents to stay housed and keep food on the table as they experience unexpected crises in their lives. Since 1986, the Chronicle Season of Sharing Fund has raised more than \$163 million to help thousands of Bay Area families in nine Bay Area Counties.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CARE CARD MINISTRY** will meet on Thurs., February 6, at 2 p.m., in the Women's Fellowship Office.



WHERE: One night camping trip with a service

focus lead by the youth group leaders.

WHERE: Salt Point State Park WHEN: June 14-15, 2025

WHO: Grades 6-12, parents welcome

WHY: Service and Learning Trip focused on land

Stewardship.

Interested in learning more? Our first Parent and Youth pre-trip meeting will outline the agenda, answer questions and share more about the project. Date and time TBD.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9. SPRING YOUR CLOCK FORWARD ONE HOUR AT 2 A.M.



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