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### *Beginning Our Ministry Together*

**REV. DR. BENJAMIN J. BROADBENT**

First of all, I want to thank you for the tremendous welcome you extended to my family and me during the candidating weekend. It is a trying process, but your warmth and interest and engagement confirmed our decision to respond to God's prompting words, "Check out Sebastopol."

Secondly, I want to acknowledge that this change for both of us – pastor and congregation – is at once full of exciting possibilities and tinted with grief as you continue to let go of your beloved pastor of 38 years and as my family and I let go of the community that nurtured us for the past 17. We will all need a lot of grace, grace that which we can offer each other as well as the Grace which only God can give.

Thirdly, I am very much looking forward to being with you and beginning to create new patterns of ministry as pastor and congregation. I'm interested in how our liturgical life will develop as the traditions of your congregation and my own proclivities meet and co-create new forms. I'm interested to learn what is near and dear to you so that we can build upon it, and I'm interested to know what it is you are ready to change and/or develop. I'm interested in learning how The Community Church of Sebastopol has impacted the wider culture and how we might continue to do so in the coming years.

Finally, you should know that, while I find much enjoyment in ministry, I don't approach ministry casually. I think the work of the church is life or death work both for members of the congregation and for the wider community. I believe God calls the church to practice and bear witness to the Way of Jesus. With Jesus, the church embodies bold justice, risky compassion, and radical inclusion – in other words, deep love of God and adventurous love of neighbor.

As you may imagine, there is still much for me, my wife Brooke, and our kids, Marin and Sophia, to do over the next couple of months to prepare to arrive in Sebastopol. During that time, we covet your prayers, knowing it will not be easy. And we will pray for you in this in-between time, knowing that it, too, will not be easy. But let us trust that, together, we are bearing the yoke of Christ, which is easy, and the burden of Christ, which is light. Easy because we do not bear it alone – Christ bears it with us – and light because it is the true source of our joy - life in, with, and through our living and loving God.

Until August, I send you my anticipatory love and affection.

*Pastor Benjamin*

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# COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL Family Camp

SEPTEMBER 2-3-4, 2016

**Family Camp  
All Ages Welcome!**

Join us at Family Camp – bring your family to meet our family plus we all get to meet our new pastor & his family! The ‘family’ in Family Camp is our church family – singles, doubles, traditional families, non-traditional families and parts of families are all welcome! Come join our big family at Family Camp!

**CONTINUE THE FAMILY TRADITION OR START A NEW TRADITION –**

Names (Family rate implies one household and includes college students dependent on parents' income)	Ages (18 & under)	Comments (i.e., will bring port-a-crib, need wheelchair access, cannot walk far, cabin mate requests, special dietary needs, will bring tent, need bottom bunk, cabin requests etc.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please fill in address, even if you are on mailing list.)

- We request a \$50 non-refundable deposit
- Volunteer for Apple Pies and earn 30% discount
- Camp fees include use of facilities, two nights lodging, six meals and all materials
- Saturday Only includes day use of facilities, 3 meals and all materials
- Additional scholarships available – call the church office at 823-2484
- Mail registration & check to Community Church P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473

<b>Camp Fees</b>	
Total cost for my family	\$ _____
Additional amount I can contribute	\$ _____
Amount enclosed	\$ _____
Balance due	\$ _____
<b>Must be paid in full by August 22</b>	

## Family Camp Fee Schedule

<b>Actual Family Camp Cost</b>	<b>Apple Pies Camp Discount</b>	<b>Saturday Only</b> (includes 3 meals)
\$ 76 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)	\$ 55 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)	\$35 Children 6-11 years (0-5 free)
\$122 Individuals 12+	\$ 85 Individuals 12+	\$45 Individuals 12+
\$396 Family Rate (one household)	\$275 Family Rate (one household)	

Volunteering for our Apples Pies event earns you a 30% Camp Scholarship! Call the church office now or email: [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) to sign up. The Apple Pies event is FUN – with something for all ages, plus, you earn a great camp discount! Volunteer for Apple Pies – August 11-12-13-14.

We offer additional scholarships to individuals for whom, after working Apple Pies, find that camp fees may still present a hardship. We want everyone who would like to go - be able to attend Family Camp! Contact Karin in the church office with any questions – 823-2484 ext. 100.

**Beat the traffic and arrive at Camp Cazadero for Family Camp as early as 4 pm on Friday!!**

Dear Church Family and Friends

The Pastoral Search Committee is thrilled to announce that we have a new Senior Minister! The Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent and his family came for a busy candidate weekend filled with meals, meetings and a wonderful worship service May 7 & 8 where he gave the children's message, prayed and preached. At a congregational meeting immediately following the service he was elected by an overwhelming majority of 166 out of 168 votes.



He signed an official Letter of Call and will begin his ministry with us in early August.

Pastor Benjamin or "Ben" comes to us with his wife Brooke Bell and their son, Marin (10), and daughter, Sophia (7), from

Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he has served for 17 years at The First Congregational Church. They are happy to return to Northern California – Ben grew up in Santa Cruz and Brooke is from San Jose.

Ben and Brooke have a sweet connection to our church – they met for the first time in our Pilgrim House in 1997, at a meeting of counselors for Camp Caz! He and Brooke reconnected with many former Caz friends at the dinner on May 7 and on Sunday. They are looking forward to our famous Apple Pie Event and bringing their kids to our Family Camp this September.

Benjamin outshone all the other people applying for the position and was a unanimous choice by the search committee. We have felt strongly since November that he is an excellent fit for our church. He earned his Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in 1998. In 1999, he became the Associate Minister of Children, Youth and Families at First Congregational Church in Colorado Springs. In 2005, he was called as the Lead Minister

of his church when the Senior Minister retired. Ben received his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 2012, writing a dissertation on Preaching as an Embodied Practice. You can read his [dissertation](#) and view a multitude of videos of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent here: <http://fcucc.org/people/rev-benjamin-w-broadbent/>

In addition to ministry, Ben loves playing guitar and ukulele, listening to live music, beach cruiser bicycles, craft beer, speaking Spanish and traveling. We are excited to have him and his family join our church family for a new chapter in our journey together at the Community Church.

The Search Committee

Nancy Shimetz, Andy Del Monte, Bobbie Johanson, Lisa Dawson, Karl Kachigan, Caitie Carciere, Ben Rasmus, Debbie McCallum, Warren Brisbin, Gail Thomas, Denelle Tognozzi, Patty Raney, and Jim Jenkins

### **TRANSITION TEAM**

Our Transition Team is working hard to provide for our spiritual needs each Sunday, and every other day of the week throughout the summer. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

If you are in need of pastoral care during office hours or on a non-emergency basis, please call the church office at 823-2484 ext. 100. If you are in need of emergency after hours pastoral care this week, contact Brian Plaughter 707.486.1416, Lydia Mulkey 386.747.0402, or Rachel Knuth 707.318.1060.

#### **Members-at-Large: Your Church Council Representatives**

Irma Bachelor (829-5485), Terry Beck (829-0314), Mary Coleman (861-9444) and Bob Holland (823-6899) are the Members-at-Large to the Church Council for this year. If you have any issues you would like brought to the attention of the Council, one of the Members-at-Large can help you out. Look for their bright red "Member at Large" name badge on Sundays.



### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Join Grief Counselors Harry & Susanna Simms in the Fireside Room on Thursday evenings at 7PM as they facilitate a support group dealing with the pain of grief. Losing a loved one, whether it be a recent loss, or from years past, can be difficult to process. Please call Harry or Susanna at 829-7769 if you have any questions. The group meets each Thursday at 7PM in the Fireside Room. There is no charge and the group is open to all.

### ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Please join us Sundays at 9:30 in the Fireside Room for coffee and to discuss the scripture chosen for the sermon. We will begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. We will read the passage, discuss it, and then listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight and hear what the pastor has to say. You don't need to be a Bible scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will be on break for the summer and return on September 14. All women are invited to Women's Bible Study in September. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.



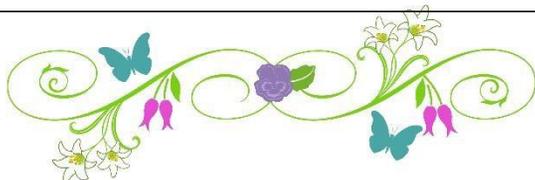
WOMEN'S Bible Study



The Men's Group will be on break for the summer and return on September 14.

### MEN'S GROUP

The informal group will meet in Faith Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. For more information contact Steve Beck at 829-0314.



# Preaching Schedule



**June 5** – Rev. Rachel Knuth  
**Communion Sunday & Christian Education Sunday**

**June 12** – Lydia Mulkey  
**Music Appreciation Sunday**  
**Adult Mission Trip participants commissioned during worship**

**June 19** – Rachel & Lydia  
**with the Kids from MADD Camp**

**June 26** – Rev. Peter Skaife

### Name Tags?

If your name tag has come up missing, or you don't have a name tag, we'd like to get one for you! And if you already have your name tag, please make a habit of clipping it on to help all of us remember your name!



To get a new or replacement name tag, print C L E A R L Y the first and last name you would like to see on your church name tag. Leave this request in the church office or collection plate:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) are invited to the final Children's Choir practice on June 5 at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room with Lydia Mulkey. The Children's Choir will also sing in worship on June 5 – and then choir will be on break!



**June 5** Our Last Rehearsal before Summer Break!

9:30-10:20 am and sing in worship:

**Come, Let Us Sing** and **May the Lord Watch**

CE Sunday & Choir Recognition during worship

Questions? Contact Children's Choir Director Lydia Mulkey at 823-2484 ext.104 or [LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org](mailto:LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org).

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## UKULELE GROUP MEETS ON FRIDAYS

The UkeStars will continue to meet on Fridays in the Fellowship Hall for their jam sessions and weekly practice from 10-11:30 AM. For information please call Vicki Reno at 827-3668 or email at [vreno@comcast.net](mailto:vreno@comcast.net).



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## LET'S GET CREATIVE

Coming this summer – your chance to show off your creativity! During the summer months our Sunday bulletin covers will feature artwork from members and friends of the Community Church – maybe you would like to see your artwork in print. We have featured everything from photos of your quilting project, to copies of watercolors and oils, drawings and photographs. We need to be able to copy your project on our copier in the office and shrink it to fit our our bulletin cover (8 ½ x 7). Call the office with any questions at 823-2484 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

## BAKED GOODS FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

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



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!



Our 3-time World Champion San Francisco Giants are on track to take it all again this year and we have 26 tickets for a day game on Wednesday, August 17 against the Pittsburg Pirates. We have

seats in the Club Level, section 202, Rows A thru-D – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of transportation. Ticket price with transportation is \$103 or just the ticket (you find your own transportation, pay for parking and bridge toll) is \$83. We plan to take the church van and other private vehicles (with compensation to the drivers) or you may choose to drive on your own. Mark your calendar now and sign up in the church office or call 823-2484 ext. 100. Game time is 12:45 pm and we will leave the Danmar parking lot at 10 am. Go Giants!

## Apple Pies Event

AUGUST 11-12-13-14, 2016



Mark your calendar for this fun multi-generational event August 11-14 as we prepare and bake over 1600 Gravenstein apple pies for the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Not only is this event fun, but all proceeds fund our camp scholarships for Youth Summer Camps and Family Camp at Camp Cazadero. Call the church office today: 823-2484 ext.100.



**Northern California Nevada  
United Church of Christ  
Annual Gathering June 16-19**

Our Vice Moderator, Patty Raney, and delegates Keith Blackstone and Sonja Larssen will attend the NCNCUCC Annual Gathering in June. The conference will be held at Sonoma State University.

# Passages

## Baptism

Rachel Knuth officiated a double baptism during the worship service on May 1 at the Community Church. Jilliana and Jianna Gonzales, daughters of Jenna and Jon Gonzales, were baptized into the family of Christ. Blessings and Congratulations!

## Marriage

Keith Blackstone and Sonja Larssen were married on May 21, officiated by Rev. Rachel Knuth, and celebrated with a reception on May 22 at The Community Church of Sebastopol. Congratulations!

## Graduating in 2016

**Kacey Babcock**, daughter of Lori and Ted Babcock and the granddaughter of Judy Peterson, graduates from El Molino High School and is heading off to college in Oregon. Youth Leader **Ross Galleto**

graduates from Santa Rosa Junior College and will be attending Sonoma State University to further his studies. **Alec**

**Henelsmith**, son of John Henel and Julie Smith, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY with an AA in Culinary Arts and is now working in a high-end restaurant in Colorado. **Nina Henelsmith**, daughter of John Henel and Julie Smith graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA with a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in math and physics. **William W. Plaughter**, son of Pam Kruse and Brian Plaughter graduated with honors from Chapman University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Will was active in volleyball where his team took second in the nation last month. Following graduation, he is making his 3rd trip to Central America with Global Medical Brigades, then returning home for the summer to study for the DAR, the test required to get into Dental School. He hopes to work for year in a Spanish speaking country and then off to dental school.

Congratulations to all our graduates! If we missed your name, please let us know so we can add our congratulations next month!



## A Thank You from Gene & Betty

To All the Wonderful Folks at  
The Community Church:

When we reflect back on our retirement weekend, it is difficult to find adequate words to express the depth of our gratitude. The laughter and tears, the photos and stories and memories shared, the wonderful music, wine, food and companionship, and your generous, generous gifts have left our hearts filled with a profound sense of thanksgiving and love.

We miss you already, but are also excited about new beginnings that beckon to you and to us. You will remain a cherished part of our hearts and souls, not only because of one magical weekend, but also because of 38 magical years – years we will continue to celebrate, give thanks for and build upon. We are the fortunate ones because we know that in our years with you, we received far more than we gave. So thank you... thanks for everything. And may God richly bless each of you.

Gene and Betty



Special Thanks . . .

Dear Church Friends,

We want to express our love and appreciation for this church community, and for your enthusiasm with our recent marriage festivities! Thank you all for the ongoing support, and our amazed thanks goes to the extremely wonderful volunteers who so greatly helped us in many ways. Additional thanks to our dearest family, especially to Tom, Beth, and Lois for being there for us. We are also tremendously thankful for our talented church staff... thanks to each of you for your brilliant ideas, flexibility, and loving care. Through church, we are surrounded by a beautiful and unique circle of community, and we feel so blessed!

With happy gratitude,

Keith and Sonja





## Interest Centers- Summer 2016

### Sign Up to Serve!

This summer our religious education will continue through our interest centers! When you sign up, you will receive an already prepared lesson plan with everything you'll need to lead children through a meaningful and fun exploration of the story!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the weeks you would like to serve:



### *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

**Psalm 23 July 12-24**

- June 12 Art
- June 26 Bible Skills and Games
- July 3 Cooking
- July 10 Creative Drama
- July 17 Music
- July 24 Science



### *The Story of Lydia*

**Acts 16:11-15 July 31-Sept 4**

- July 31 Art
- August 7 Bible Skills and Games
- August 14 Cooking
- August 21 Creative Drama
- August 28 Music
- September 4 Science

Drop this form in the offering plate or return to the church office.  
Thank you for supporting our ministry to children!



During the summer months, the various church choirs and music groups take time off. Thus, there is no one scheduled to provide music during worship from June 19 until September 11 when we officially launch the new church year.

This provides everyone in the congregation a chance to help shape worship for at least one summer Sunday. The music can be instrumental or choral, traditional or something new. It's a chance to show how a different style of music might support the worship experience.

Fill in the form below and drop it off in the collection plate or the church office, or see the sign up sheet in the church office. Or you may call Karin to add your name to the list at 823-2484 ext 100.

Yes! I want to provide special music one Sunday during the summer!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the Sunday you would like to reserve:

		June 26		
July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28	

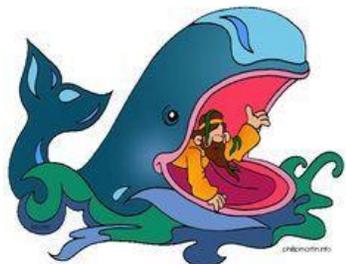
September 4



# MADD

Music Art Dance Discovery

## Vacation Bible Camp



## Jonah & the Whale

**June 13-17 from 9 am to 12 pm for ages 4-10 with a special presentation during worship on June 19**

Sponsored by the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups at the Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC

Early bird registration before June 6 -\$115 per child  
After June 6, \$125 per child or \$25 per day.

Ask about our sibling discount & scholarship information.  
(No before or after care available.)

Registration forms available in the church office or  
[www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org).

Join us for a week-long day camp learning about God's love through music, art, dance and discovery. Join us June 13-17 from 9:00-12 every day, plus a special presentation on June 19!

# JONAH

- ★ Dress up days
- ★ Dancing
- ★ Singing,
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Fun discoveries

And on Sunday, June 19, a fun MADD Camp presentation for the whole family to enjoy during worship. Call the Community Church at 823-2484 ext. 100 or [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) with questions.

## Pilgrim Center Fundraising Campaign

We have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to complete our matching Pilgrim Center Fundraising Campaign – money is coming in and we are nearing our goal! Even if you have missed the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, send in your check because every little bit helps.



As soon as the numbers are tallied, we will announce the results.

## NORTH BAY ORGANIZING PROJECT

Invites you to our Fundraiser Dance Party Celebration!

## Noche Sabrosa!



**SATURDAY, JULY 16 ♦ 5-10 PM**

Community Church of Sebastopol • Memorial Hall  
\$30-\$70 ticket (sliding scale)  
includes delicious food & dancing

**MUSIC BY LOS RITMILOS & DJ**

**SILENT AUCTION**

Information: 707.481.2970 or visit: [www.NorthBayOP.org](http://www.NorthBayOP.org)



## MISSION & OUTREACH

The group does not meet during the months of June and July, but outreach activities continue year-round. In August the group will meet on Monday, August 8 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room to regroup and begin plans for the new church year that launches on September 11. Become part of something big – join the Committee for Mission & Outreach! Call Joyce Cox 829-0750.

### HUMAN RACE RESULTS

Thanks to your support, Mission & Outreach raised over \$300 for our local Inter-Church Food Pantry. Special thanks to Joan Carter for all her efforts with this event!

### SATURDAY TABLE

On the second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Fellowship Hall to our local homeless population. In addition to offering a hot meal, we also offer showers, laundry vouchers and bus passes. If you would like to contribute to this effort, there are several ways to help:

- ❖ *Cash and check can be made out to the Community Church and designated for the homeless lunch*
- ❖ *Soaps, shampoos and conditioner in sample or motel sizes*
- ❖ *Thick tube socks, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.*
- ❖ *Men's walking/athletic shoes or boots*
- ❖ *Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs*
- ❖ *Disposable razors and shaving cream*
- ❖ *Packaged toothbrushes & toothpaste*
- ❖ *Hand sanitizer, Chapstick, insect repellent and sun screen*
- ❖ *"Baby Wipes" or similar product*

### SNACK BAGS

Mission & Outreach invites you to participate in our Snack Bag program where we provide snack items to those who might not know where their next meal is coming from. Single servings of crackers, peanut butter, juice, tuna, canned fruit and other snack items, can be brought to the church office.

### Wanted: MADD Camp Counselors Meeting June 12 from Noon-2 PM

All youth (entering 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to become a MADD Camp Counselor. MADD Camp is June 13-17 from 9am -12pm and a program during worship on June 19. Counselors will need to be at MADD Camp from 8:15 am to -1pm every day. Find out more at a second informational and planning meeting on Sunday, June 12 from Noon-2 pm. Questions? Contact Lydia at 823-2484 ext. 104 or by email: [LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org](mailto:LydiaMulkey@uccseb.org).

Adults are also needed to help with snacks each day and to help supervise other areas during the MADD Camp week. Give Lydia a call if you can help.

♥ Thank YOU ♥ Thank YOU ♥ Thank YOU ♥ Thank YOU ♥

♥Thank you to the Search Committee for providing us with a full weekend to meet "The Candidate." Council and committee chairs



met with Ben and his wife Brooke on Saturday morning. Lydia and our youth shared pizza and conversation at Mary's and then later that day we all met in Memorial Hall for dinner provided by the Search Committee.

♥Thanks to Debbie McCallum and Caitie Carciere for putting the dinner together, along with all the helpers that set up Memorial Hall and then those who stayed to clean up. ♥Thanks again to Gail Thomas and members of the Search Committee and congregation who brought goodies to share on both Saturday and Sunday. ♥And thank you to the entire congregation for embracing this big change in the life of our church and our new senior pastor and his family. ♥Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts – Tony & Gloria Given and Sharon & Dennis Olson and helpers for your faithful presence each Sunday morning. ♥Thank you to office helpers Joanne Matson, Janet Minton, Chris Jenkins and Bobbie Johanson and to Doris Rowe for preparing the sanctuary each Sunday.

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# Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to attend any Fellowship activity, whether or not they are interested in becoming further involved. We welcome participation at any time by women who have an interest in some or all of our activities. Our meeting schedule is the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Our annual potluck picnic will be on Thursday, June 9. There will be a short business meeting before the picnic. Bring a favorite dish to share. This will be the final joint meeting of the circles before our summer hiatus!



## Thursday, June 9: *Monthly Gathering*

**11 AM – Executive Board – Women's Fellowship Office**

**11:30 AM – Business Meeting – Faith Chapel**

**12 PM – Pot Luck Picnic – Fountain Courtyard**



## SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE HOMELESS BY THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

As the homeless population in Sebastopol has grown, so has the involvement of our church in serving our neighbors in need. An average of 15 requests for help are received each week.

In 2015 the Community Church provided:

- 1,426 showers, with a clean towel, soap and shampoo
- 480 loads of clean laundry
- 800 bus rides to folks without transportation
- 107 shoeboxes filled with toiletries and personal necessities of life
- 150 pairs of socks provided to homeless men
- Nearly 1,000 snack bags distributed
- 120 hot meals served at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Lunch

For more than a year the Community Church has participated in the Safe Parking Program. Currently we are hosting 5 families, each vetted and selected by the Catholic Charities Homeless Services Center. They arrive in our parking lot in the evening and leave each morning by 7 am.

## THIS MONTH IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

June 5<sup>th</sup> is "CE Sunday," when we will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year, honor our teachers, thank the Christian Education and Youth Committees, give Bibles to our 4th and 12th Graders, and the children will lead Communion. At the beginning of the school year, our Sunday School teachers gave each child a flower to welcome them, and at this special service our children will give flowers to the teachers to thank them for the year.



June 12<sup>th</sup> we begin our Summer Interest Centers.

June 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate MADD Camp, with the campers and counselors leading worship--come and experience Jonah and the Whale in church, and see what Music, Art, Dance, and Drama the children prepared during the week.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped in the Sunday School this school year, both as storytellers and as art helpers! The children have heard beautiful stories and created amazing art responses to those stories, and we are all grateful for the adults who have held this group of children with care all year long.

Thanks also to the faithful Christian Education Committee, which works behind the scenes--praying for our children and their families, supporting children's programming, and thinking theologically about our children's ministry.

## SUMMER STAFFING TRANSITION

Rev. Rachel Knuth, Minister to Children & Families, will work her final Sunday on June 19 and then return to us on August 21. Her position as Minister to Children & Families was designed to cover from late August for preparations for Launch Sunday, through the Sunday School year. Although we will see Rachel and her family for Sunday worship, please be respectful of the fact that she is currently not on staff during the summer. Over the summer, the Children's Messages will be presented by Lydia, Brian and our guest preachers.

# Youth News

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8

Summer 2016

**Attention all youth** – Did you sign up for Summer Camp?? Those Early Bird discounts don't last forever! And call Karin in the church office to get you Apple Pie scholarship. Earn \$150 off of camp fees just for working the Apple Pies event in August.



**Middle School & Sr. High Youth**  
**10:30 AM – 5 PM**  
**June 5 - End of the Year Youth Group Celebration!**

*Picnic and Hiking at Bodega Bay*  
*Please bring \$5 to cover transportation and food.*

*Depart in Church Van immediately after worship*  
*(See you for worship at 10:30am). Return by 5pm.*

**July 24 – Sr. High Mission Trip Participants Commissioned**

Meet at church by 10 AM and we will serve as greeters for Sunday worship before we are commissioned for our Mission Trip.

**July 25-Aug 2 – Sr. High Mission & National Youth Event**

Meet at church by 10 AM so we can load the van!  
Don't forget to pack your toothbrush!



Hebrews 11:1 - "Faith is the confidence that what we **believe** will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."



Northern California Nevada Conference  
United Church of Christ

## Summer Camps 2016

### At Camp Cazadero

**You & Me Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 1-3) **July 8-10**

You & Me Camp is a great experience for first-time campers! Go to camp with a parent, grandparent, favorite aunt/uncle or other adult! Each adult may bring up to 3 children, entering grades 1-3. Each child may bring up to 2 adults. Check out registration and special pricing at [www.ncncucc.org](http://www.ncncucc.org)

**Junior Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 4-6) **July 17-23**

**Jr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 7-9) **July 24- 30**

**Sr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 10-12) **July 10-16**

**Counselor in Training** (GRADE 12+) **July 17-23**

### At Camp Tamarack

**Junior/Jr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 5-8) **July 24-30**

**Sr. High Camp** (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) **July 17-23**

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**Apple Pie Scholarships** are available for all our campers – call the church office to sign up to help at our Apple Pies event (Aug 11-14) and earn \$\$ for camp!



**Community Church of Sebastopol's**  
**FAMILY CAMP:**  
**September 2-3-4, 2016**

To register, visit:  
<http://www.uccseb.org/docs/2016.Family.Camp.pdf>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Middle School Mini Misison Trip to Sacramento <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry	<b>30</b> Middle School Mini Misison Trip to Sacramento	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Choir	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group  <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Christian Education Sunday</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Election Day	<b>8</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> Handbell Choir	<b>9</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Meeting & Potluck Picnic in the courtyard  <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>11</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> 2nd Saturday Lunch
<b>12</b> <b>Adult Mission Trip Participants Commissioned</b> <b>Music Appreciation Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Summer Interest Centers <b>12 PM</b> MADD Camp Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM -12 PM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM -12 PM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM -12 PM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School  <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM -12 PM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School  <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM -12 PM</b> MADD Camp Vacation Bible School  <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Adult Mission Trip to Weed <b>MADD Camp Vacation Bible School Leads Worship</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Summer Interest Centers	<b>20</b> Adult Mission Trip to Weed	<b>21</b> Adult Mission Trip to Weed	<b>22</b> Adult Mission Trip to Weed  <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>23</b> Adult Mission Trip to Weed  <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>24</b> Adult Mission Trip to Weed  <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>25</b> Adult Mission Trip to Weed
<b>26</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Summer Interest Centers	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars	<b>2</b>