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From the Pastor

A few years ago, Theodore W. Loder shared this Easter reflection: "Easter is an affirmation of our deepest intuitions, our simple, child-like Yes to life and our insistent No to death. Easter tells us we can trust out burning hearts. Listen to the fire in your heart. What does its say you are? Doesn't it say something like this? 'I am alive, I am a miracle of life itself. I am a miracle of God. Deeper than all my guilt and fear, I am able to give and receive love. I am valuable. I am part of creation. I am not meant for death while I live, or when I die. I am meant to live, to create, to grow, to expand, nurture, cherish life and not be afraid or indifferent, but passionate and compassionate.' Easter is an affirmation of that Yes - that heart on fire in you. Trust it. Live it... nothing less."

It occurs to me that Easter is nothing less than an invitation to become part of what I have heard described as "the resurrection conspiracy." This is a conspiracy that refuses to accept reality and truth as defined by the world around us. Rather it chooses to believe that there is a reality that transcends our intellects; that there is a God who can make a way where there is no way; that there is a reality stronger and more real than the harshness and finality of death; that there is a truth bigger than our human reason, a truth that transcends our ability to understand, a truth that flies in the face of the reality we experience and read about in the newspaper or on line.

Easter is a conspiracy because it takes the assumptions of conventional wisdom and blows them to pieces. It subverts most of what we have taught about life and reality and truth. Think about it. If Jesus is raised from the dead, if he is alive, then we have to rethink everything we ever thought we knew about what is possible. We can't go back to normal because there is no normal. We can't even trust the darkness.

Words of a John Updike poem come to mind: "Let us not mock God with metaphor / analogy, sidestepping transcendence... / let us walk through the door." Pretty radical stuff this Easter. There really is no going back. So together let us dare to "walk through the door" into a whole new world.

Gene

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 CONTINUES

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.

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 a hot item and we have 45 tickets for Saturday, July 11, against the Phillies. We are in section 131 – so sign up for the game and bring your glove! We offer these tickets at our cost, plus the cost of the bus – you save the driving hassle, the bridge tolls and parking nightmare, and have a great trip to see Giant Baseball with your friends. Mark your calendar now and sign up in the church office or call 823-2484 ext. 100. Game time is 7:05 pm and our bus will leave the Danmar parking lot at 3:30 pm. Ticket price for the game and bus: \$105. License Plate give away night!

Sermons & Scripture

April 2015

For a complete listing of Holy Week and special Youth and Children's events, please see the next page.

April 5 Easter Sunday

6:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE IN RAGLE PARK.

Members of our folk/acoustic group along with Rev. Brian Plaughter will lead this informal service as we gather to greet Easter Day.

9:00 AND 11:00 AM WORSHIP

THE UNEXPECTED JESUS: CHANGING THE RULES

During Lent we have journeyed with Jesus on the path of the cross, which is the path of transformation. But now we are at his tomb. Everything we know about life and death says this is the end. Don't be so sure!

John 20:1-18

Rev. Nelson

9 AM Music by the Divine Connection

11 AM Music by the Chancel, Handbell & Instrumental Choirs
Darryl Fenley at the Organ & Piano for both services

April 12

THE EASY WAY OUT

The path of Thomas, the path of doubt and disbelief, really is the easy way to go – no responsibilities, no claims on our lives. Then, wouldn't you know, Jesus shows up.

John 20: 19-21

Rev. Nelson

April 19

A guest preacher will lead us on this Earth Day Sunday with the Chancel Choir providing our worship music.

April 26

NOBODY HERE BUT US SHEEP

I am a responsible person, can take care of myself, make mostly good decisions. But Jesus seems to think I need a shepherd.

John 10: 11-18.

Hand Bells

Rev. Nelson

Children & Youth!



PALM SUNDAY ART SHOW

After church on Sunday, March 29, the Sunday School children's art will be on display during coffee hour. Come and see what the children have been creating during Lent!

HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

The Children's Ministry and Youth Programs will be joining together for several off-site events during Holy Week:

Thursday, April 2nd at 5pm at Doran Beach—Maundy Thursday Foot washing and Agape meal at the Beach.

We will wash each other's feet and share a simple meal at the beach. Meet at the Doran Beach main parking lot where the bathrooms are located. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children at the beach.



Youth may meet Lydia at church by 4:15pm to ride in the church van. Please bring a blanket and towel—and a snack to share. Bread and grapes will be provided. Come and enjoy an ancient tradition in a beautiful place! Parking fees apply to each car.

Friday, April 3rd at 5pm at Pleasant Hill Cemetery—Good Friday Cemetery Visit and Ritual

We will visit the cemetery and tour some of the interesting tombs of Sebastopol, on this day when we consider Jesus' own death. We will do a short ritual in the cemetery and possibly some tombstone rubbings. There's never a better time to visit a cemetery with children and youth, than when it's not imminent. Come spend Good Friday with Rachel and Lydia in the cemetery!

Saturday, April 4th at 11am at Ragle Ranch Peace Garden—Holy Saturday Egg Hunt



Come hunt for eggs at Ragle Ranch's Peace Garden! We will have several "waves" of hunters, with the youngest going first. Please BYOB: bring your own basket!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children (age 6-11) are invited to choir practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room. The Children's Choir will sing in church on Palm Sunday, March 29 and practice on April 12, 19 and 26. Questions? Contact Sara.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will break for Easter and meet again in April on Wednesday, April 15 and April 22 in the Fireside Room at 10 AM. The group will follow the theme: *Spiritual Mindfulness*.

Women's Bible Study will also meet on May 13 and May 20 and then break for the summer. All women are invited to join the group. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

RECYCLE INKJET CARTRIDGES FOR HABITAT

Leave your empty inkjet cartridges in the green cardboard box in the church office and Mission & Outreach will be able to turn them into cash to help fund our pledge to Habitat for Humanity. Please bring the cartridges in a sealed plastic baggie and Mission & Outreach will take care of the rest. More than \$2,000 has been generated from your used inkjet cartridges for our local Habitat for Humanity. What could be easier!

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 _____

Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

Saturday, April 11, 2015

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM

Between Women celebrates 16 years! Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, April 11, (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED) for an **INTERNATIONAL FEAST CELEBRATING JAPAN** Connecting Women of Japan and Food

Between Women meets the second Saturday of the month from 8:40 to 11:00 AM for prayer, meditation and discussion.

Between Women is an inter-generational, faith-based group of women who gather to connect with other women. All women are welcomed to join us and experience a monthly "mini-retreat."

Come and be a part of a network: •supporting •educating, •expanding •connecting, individually along with a larger community of wise, wonderful women in a safe and compassionate environment.

- **Stories • Support • Service • Compassion •**
- **Connection • Community • Education • Meditation •**
- **Laughter • Love • Food • Fun •**

Can you be in charge of coffee? How about setting the table? Help with the program? Can you help with one small portion of this large production we call Between Women? For more information and to volunteer your help, please contact Marie Cotton at 393-7573



MEN'S GROUP

**MEN'S GROUP
WEDNESDAY AT 10 AM
FAITH CHAPEL**

An informal Men's Group meets in Faith Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 10 am. All men are invited to attend and join in the discussion on a variety of topics. For more information contact John Simmons at 823-6517.



*March 29 Palm
Sunday 10:30 AM*

We remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with a palm processional and music by our Children's and Chancel Choirs.

*April 2 Maundy
Thursday 7:00 PM*

We will gather in Faith Chapel at 7 PM for a service of communion as we recall Jesus' last night with his disciples in the Upper Room. We will conclude with the service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is an ancient and moving service of the extinguishing of lights as the story of Jesus betrayal, arrest and crucifixion is told.

April 3 Good Friday

On Good Friday you are invited to visit the Pilgrim Center Chapel between noon to 3 pm for a time of quiet meditation.

April 5 Easter Sunday

Again this year we will celebrate Easter with three distinctive services:

6:30 AM – Sunrise Service in Ragle Park. Led by the Rev. Brian Plaughter with music by members of our Folk Acoustic group. Please park outside the park gates and walk to the Peace Garden.

9:00 AM – An Easter service with the Divine Connection providing musical leadership.

11:00 AM – A classic Easter celebration with music led by our Chancel, Instrumental and Handbell Choirs.

Join us for these wonderful celebrations of resurrection, new life and hope!



April Birthdays



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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Sebastian Jame | 17 Roger Wilson |
| Sara Margulis | 18 Tom Meyskens |
| Robert Peterson | Mark Clifton |
| 2 Kevin-Derrick Caldwell | Bev Withington |
| 3 Matthew Kalemba | 19 Lorinda Bradley |
| 5 Jeff Boal | 20 Shannon Liniak |
| Becky Wessling | Dave Benefiel |
| 6 Irma Bachelor | Megan Deedler |
| Ryan Nichols | Nolan Petersen |
| 8 Dave Madden | 21 Annie Petersilge |
| Jessica Steyn | 25 Amrita Davidson |
| Nathan Junge | Dave Madsen |
| 10 Kelly McKoin | Dennis Olson |
| Karin Seder | 26 Kathy Matthies |
| 11 Tony Given | Ginnie Clifton |
| Colin Junge | 27 Christy Saxton |
| 12 <i>Caitlin</i> Carciere | Deidra Warner |
| Kathie Noguchi | 28 Barbara Zimmer |
| Robert Clifton | 29 Christine Ford |
| 13 Loretta Tough | Sarah Kautz |
| 14 Charlotte Mitchell | 30 Nancy Shimetz |
| 15 Susanna Simms | Nancy Dougherty |
| 16 Paul Ahvenainen | April Krautner |
| Craig Nesler | Sabina Malone |
| Bradley Buchanan | |

Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to attend Women's Fellowship meetings, programs and circles. Women's Fellowship has been an important part of The Community Church since the church was first established in Sebastopol in 1889. The group has expanded to include many outreach projects, both within the church and wider community. Meetings and programs are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. Circles meet on the third Thursday of the month at a time and place to be announced.

APRIL 2 MEETING

The First Thursday Meeting will be on April 2 starting with the Board Meeting at 10 AM. The General Meeting commences at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall with devotions, the business portion and a speaker presentation at 11:15. Coffee tea and pastries will be provided. Bring a brown bag lunch if you would like to stay for lunch in Fellowship Hall..

APRIL 16 CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Third Thursday Circles will meet on April 16. Circle 1 will meet at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall and participate in a craft project. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served. Those who wish to bring a brown bag lunch may do so for lunch at noon. Circle 2 will meet at 10 AM with location to be announced.

APRIL 30 ALL CIRCLES

All Circles are meeting in Fellowship Hall for a special project at 10 AM. Bring a bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

MADD CAMP: MUSIC ART DANCE & DISCOVERY CAMP!

THIS SUMMER AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Come and join us for a week of learning about God's love through music, art, dance and discovery! Dress up days, dancing, singing, crafts and fun science discoveries!

MADD Camp provides a week of fun – five fun days at the Community Church. And on Friday, a fun MADD Camp presentation for the whole family to enjoy. Watch for dates, registration and more information coming soon for this fun summer event

Happy Birthday!



Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As we move through Lent towards Holy Week and Easter, may our home practices with children be blessed with signs of spring and new life! Check out our Holy Week events planned just for you and your

child – we will perform the ancient foot washing ritual on Maundy Thursday, visit a cemetery on Good Friday and hold an egg hunt at the Peace Garden at Ragle Ranch on Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday we have three special services – at 6:30, 9 and 11 am with children attending worship with their families. Childcare will be available for children ages 3 and younger in Room 4 with Diana Wilson and helpers.

Children Ages 3-5 (Room #5)

DATE	STORY
April 5	Easter Sunday (no class)
April 12	Knowing Jesus in a New Way part 1
April 19	Knowing Jesus in a New Way part 2
April 26	Knowing Jesus in a New Way part 3

Children Ages 6-7 (Room #6)

DATE	STORY
April 5	Easter Sunday (no class)
April 12	Knowing Jesus in a New Way part 1
April 19	Knowing Jesus in a New Way part 2
April 26	Knowing Jesus in a New Way part 3

Children Ages 8-11 (Room #4)

DATE	STORY
April 5	Easter Sunday (no class)
April 12	New Life
April 19	Non-Greed
April 26	Willpower

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.



☺ Thank you to all those who helped with after church sign-ups, telephone calls and checking in folks for photo sessions and getting ready for our new Church Photo Directory: Jane Austin, Steve Beck, Connie Blackstone, Glenda Elvy, Joanne Feige, Judy Hawkins, Marge Holland, Carole Hudlow, Bobbie Johanson, Marilyn Lerum, Joanne Matson, Elyse Mengle, Janet Minton, Sharon Olson, Judy Rice, Nancy Shimetz, Ellen Stillman, Judy Stupfel, Ellen Sullivan, Norma Watson and Barbara Wilson. ☺ Thank you to Keith Blackstone for photography set up and take down and thank you to Chris Jenkins and Karin Seder for coordinating this project. ☺ Thank you to all of our soup makers for the Tuesday Lenten Soup Supper and to our Faith Journey presenters this year: Connie Blackstone, Bret Felciano, Judy Rice, Denelle Tognozzi and Roger Wilson. ☺ Thank you to Dorothy McKoin and Josephine, Teresa and Marquesa Weigel for their help setting up each week. ☺ Thank you to volunteer Harry Sullivan for working on our church insurance to keep our rates in check. ☺ Thank you to Glenda Elvy for stepping up to play piano at the last minute for Darryl and thank you to Darryl for stepping in at the last moment to pay during the evening Sabbath service on March 15. ☺ Thank you to Rachel Knuth and Joanne Matson for organizing and leading the Sunday Sabbath on Gun Violence in Faith Chapel. ☺ Thank you to Janet Minton and Joanne Matson for their continued help in the church office. ☺ Thank you to Norma Watson for faithfully washing our towels each week and to Barbara Wilson for pitching in as well. ☺ Thank you to Tom Dillely for everything you do behind the scenes to keep our church buildings in order. ☺ Thank you to Bob Holland, Barbara Whitson and Marna McKenzie for all the hard work you put into our gardens to keep them looking so nice!





MISSION & OUTREACH

THE GIFT OF CLEAN LAUNDRY!

Did you know our church provides a very basic service to our local neighbors in need – laundry vouchers! Your gift of \$5 provides a wash and dry for a large load of laundry at Wash Plus on Bodega Avenue. This is a much needed and much appreciated service, especially during the wet winter months.

Cash or checks marked “laundry” may be left in the collection plate or sent to the church office. What an easy and thoughtful way to help others! If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

GIFT BAGS?

Do you have a bunch of empty gift bags from Christmas? Or small shopping bags with handles? Don't throw them away – we can reuse them here at the church! They make wonderful bags to pack a few food items or “snack bags” for hungry folks needing a little something to eat. Bring them to the church office and we will put them to good use!



THE HUMAN RACE MAY 9TH.

Mission & Outreach invites you to walk along with their team and collect pledges for the Living Room – a special shelter, serving homeless women and their children. You may choose to walk, run

or even skip along the 3K or 10K course – or pledge to support one of our team members as they walk for the Living Room.

Sign up sheets will be available for walkers and sponsors in the church office and look for our sign up table in the courtyard after church on April 26 and May 3.

Become part of something big – join the Committee for Mission & Outreach! We have room for 2 more persons. We meet once a month and help organize a number of projects throughout the year to assist our local and wider communities. Call Joyce Cox 829-0750 to find out more.

Memorial Lilies will grace our chancel on Easter Morning, April 5. If you would like to order one of these beautiful living plants, please fill out the order form below and drop it into the collection plate along with your check. You may also leave this form and your payment in the church office. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to the Community Church.

DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER LILIES: MARCH 31

I wish to purchase _____ lily plant(s) \$_____ Enclosed
(\$10 each plant)

This lily is In Memory of _____

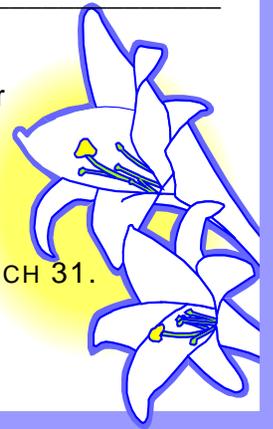
_____ – OR –
This lily is In Honor of _____

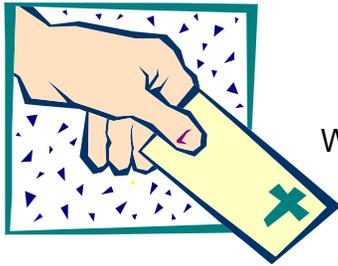
Given by (your name) _____

_____ I plan to take my lily plant home after Easter

_____ Please deliver my lily plant to a shut-in.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER LILIES IS MARCH 31.





FINANCIAL UPDATE

We took a small step backwards financially in February. Operating expenses exceeded operating income by \$1,400 leaving us with a two month operating deficit of \$4,200.

Pledge income was steady, although it did fall a couple of thousand dollars behind our projections and use of facilities income was strong. Income from loose offerings declined however. Actual pledges for the year total \$278,139 for the operating fund which is \$6,861 below or budget goal. A number of you have made verbal commitments but not yet made a concrete pledge. Please contact our bookkeeper Jennifer with your pledge amount. Thank you.

Pledge Update

This year as of 3/22/15

Total Households Pledging 124
Operating Fund Pledges \$278,139

Last year as of 3/22/14

Total Households Pledging 127
Operating Fund Pledges \$281,973

Pledge cards are available available on the table in the in the Narthex. Please give prayerful thought to your financial support of the church.

Don't Forget your Pledge!



NEW CONFERENCE MINISTER

The search committee of Northern California-Nevada Conference has called the Rev. Diane Lynn Weible to be our next Conference minister. A special meeting of the Conference has been scheduled for the purpose of issuing a formal call. Our church can send two lay delegates to this meeting, which will be held at the Frist Congregational Church of Palo Alto, from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, April 11th. Lunch will be provided. Contact Rev. Nelson or our moderator, Chris Dawson, if you would like to be a delegate.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission & Outreach will meet on Monday, April 20 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

SATURDAY TABLE

On the second Saturday of each month, Mission & Outreach serves lunch in Memorial Hall to our local homeless population. In addition to offering a hot meal, we also offer showers. 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*
- ❖ *Hand sanitizer and Chapstick*

Clothing items to do not have to be new, but they must be usable and clean. Look for the collection bin in the church entry to drop off your donations. Monetary donations should be left in the church office. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249 or the church office at 823-2484.

SATURDAY TABLE MEAL PREPARATIONS

Thank you to those who brought food for the March Second Saturday Lunch: Katie Baumgrass, Julie Cugini, Glenda Elvy, Mary McMillon and Sophie Sherman.

If you would like to provide a dish for our Saturday Table meal, please contact Joanne Matson, 823-5249, or ilmatson@yahoo.com.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Watch for information coming soon about the 2015 Adult Mission Trip, to southern New Jersey to help with rebuilding from Hurricane Sandy at a site right on the coast line. All adults are welcome, no matter what your skill level. Group members need to be flexible and able to work well in a group. The trip is scheduled for June 7-13. Contact Joyce Cox with any questions at 829- 0750.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB!

We need people of faith to find the funds one last time!

We are conducting a low-key fundraising campaign to pay off the loans that church members made to cover the final costs of our beautiful Pilgrim Center. You may have already received a letter with a pledge card in your mail. Please give what you can to pay off the \$360,000 that is due to some of our church families by August 2, 2016.

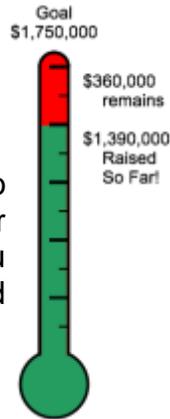
You may make a one-time gift, or give monthly or give once this year and once more time next year. For your convenience, you have the option to pay by credit card by going to our website: www.uccseb.org. We are counting on 100% of our congregation to give what they can to keep us mortgage free. Bring your pledge card to church or drop it in the mail. We want to wrap the campaign by May 5th, so please let us know what you can do to help. By taking the responsibility to return your pledge card promptly is how we can keep things low-key.

Thank you for your faithfulness in this last building campaign.
Bobbie Johanson, Campaign Chair
Marge Holland, Campaign Treasurer

April Garden (Work) Party!



Watch for an announcement for a Saturday morning garden work party in April. Once we have the date, please plan join us - we plan to have a good time while we spruce up the courtyard and church grounds. All ages welcome. Bring your own work gloves and if you have some garden tools, bring those along too! Watch for the announcement of the date in our Sunday bulletin and come give us a hand as we give our church grounds a real spring cleaning! Questions? Contact Barbara Whitson at 322-2012.



Passages

Baptisms

Tom Terry and family celebrated his baptism on March 1 here at the Community Church at the same time Tom became a member of this congregation. We rejoice with Tom as he begins his walk in the Christian faith.

Samantha Allender, daughter of Catherine (CJ) Hudlow and Craig Allender was baptized into the family of Christ on March 15, Rev. Gene Nelson officiated. Proud grandmother is Carole Hudlow. Blessings and congratulations!



AFTERNOON TEA AND BAZAAR

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2:00-4:00 pm
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Women's Fellowship will be hosting a traditional Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 2 in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to come enjoy tea sandwiches, assorted sweets and a variety of teas. Plants, our famous tea towels, jams and jellies and other handmade items will be available for purchase. Tickets will be \$10.00 and may be purchased after church in the courtyard on April 19 and 26. Some tickets will be available at the door, however, reservations are recommended as seating is limited.



Tea Party

For more information call Chris Jenkins at 829-2230.



Youth News

April 2015

Sr. High School PF Grades 9-12

Middle School PF Grades 6-8



Holy Week Events

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – Foot Washing on the Beach

All youth meet at church at 4:15 pm for a van ride to the beach – we will return to the church at 7 pm. Bring a blanket and towel and a snack to share. Bread and grapes will be provided. Come and enjoy an ancient tradition in a beautiful place!

April 3 – Good Friday – Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Service of remembrance at the cemetery with Lydia and Rachel. Meet at the church at 4:30, we will return at 6:15 pm.

April 4 – Holy Saturday – Egg Hunt at Ragle Ranch Park

Come hunt for eggs at the Peace Garden in Ragle Park. Arrive at 10:30 am to help hide the eggs. We start the first hunt at 11 am and BYOB – bring your own basket!



April 5 – Easter Sunday – no meetings today

See you in worship at 6:30, 9 or 11 am.

April 12 – Youth Lounge: Echo the Story – Session 6: Judges and Kings!

4 pm Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 - 6 pm Meeting
6 pm High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 - 8 pm Meeting



April 19 – Youth Lounge: Echo the Story – Session 7: Exile

4 pm Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 - 6 pm Meeting
6 pm High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 - 8 pm Meeting



April 26 – Youth Lounge: Echo the Story – Session 8: God-With-Us

11:30 am - Duct Tape Fundraiser right after church!
4 pm Middle School Hang Out ★ 4:30 - 6 pm Meeting
6 pm High School Hang Out ★ 6:30 - 8 pm Meeting



Northern California Nevada Conference United Church of Christ

Summer Camps 2015

At Camp Cazadero

You & Me Camp (ENTERING GRADES K-3) July 10-12

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 K through 3. Each child may bring up to 2 adults. Check out registration and special pricing at www.ncncucc.org

Junior Camp (ENTERING GRADES 3-6) July 19-25

Jr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 6-9) July 26- Aug 1

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 12-18

Counselor in Training (GRADE 12+) July 19-26

At Camp Tamarack

Junior/Jr. High (ENTERING GRADES 5-8) July 19-25

Sr. High Camp (ENTERING GRADES 9-12) July 26-Aug 1

Check www.ncncucc.org for more information and to download registration and health forms.

Apple Pie Scholarships are available for all our campers – call the church office to sign up to help at our Apple Pies event (Aug 6-9) and earn \$\$ for camp!

Community Church of Sebastopol's FAMILY CAMP: August 28-30, 2015

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on all the fun!

MADD Camp for ages 3-10 here at the Community Church will be on the schedule very soon... Watch for more information!

THE HISTORY OF CAMP CAZADERO:
CAZADERO CAMP BEGINNINGS

PART IV by Sara Gerboth

We ate in the ranch house dining room, sharing stories of the burnt beans, the dishes on the tables, and the casket under the dorm.

We didn't sleep in the dormitory rooms, which were still full of belongings left behind, but threw our sleeping bags on the floor in the living room of the dorm where we had built a fire in the big stone fireplace. Fortunately, we had electricity and running water, but no hot water. We pulled off our muddy clothes in the bathroom and dressed in dry clothes to sleep in. Most of us girls wet our hair and rolled it up into pin curls all over our heads, as we did every night, then wrapped them in bandanas to cover the pin curls. We were shy at first about wearing pin curls and bandanas around the boys, but we were all so excited about sleeping in the same room with boys that we got over it quickly. Jim Senter slept with all the kids, well, tried to sleep. He had the boys, who were all on one side of the room, sing *Good Night Ladies* to the girls, and then the girls, who were all on the other side, sing, *Tell Me Why the Stars Do Shine* to the boys, and then he settled down to sleep - or to try to sleep. We talked on into the wee hours, scaring each other by making up creepy stories about the people that had lived and maybe died there. We all reveled in this new experience of sleeping together. The adults, except for Jim, slept in the ranch house.

The April Easter Work Camp of youth from all over Northern California went well, and things were readied for summer camps. Thirty-five to forty teens and adults spent a back breaking and soul-searching week. Tools and tack and manure were cleaned out of the barn to prepare it to be the boys' dorm. City kids that had never used an outhouse were now digging them - "holy holes on the hill." They had to dispose of old food, garbage, worn old furniture and rugs. They built a huge bonfire in the meadow and threw in old furniture and rugs and everything else that could not be salvaged. Everything was so wet that spring that nobody worried about fire getting out of control. Several weekend antique sales between Easter and summer helped dispose of the good furniture, including dressers, chairs and double beds, many of them Victorian antiques. It was right at the end of World War II, and the money was used to



SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED

Participating in our Parish Care group offers each of us a way to give a gift to our church community by helping those in need of a helping hand. It also provides a resource for those within our church family. Volunteers are comprised of members and friends of the Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC.

There will be one formal meeting a year for volunteer sign-ups with additional sign-ups through our church bulletin. You will be called upon to occasionally provide a service in the area of your interest, to someone near the location of your home.

THIS WILL NOT BE A TIME CONSUMING COMMITMENT AND THERE ARE NO MEETINGS TO ATTEND!

Process: When a call for assistance comes into the church office, that call would be directed to the Topic Coordinator. The Coordinator would check our Parish Care Volunteer Bank and contact volunteers in the area to arrange a helping hand as needed. The Topic Coordinator would be in touch with the individual or family to get details and make the arrangements for the service needed.

If you are in need of help or know someone who is, or would like to become a Parish Care volunteer, please contact Barbara Whitson at 707-322-2012 or the church office at 823-2484.

The main emphasis of Parish Care services are:

Visiting Home visits for those who cannot attend church services

Transportation to church services and events, medical appointments, grocery shopping

Food, dinners following a hospital stay, or if ill at home, food shop-

ping for the individual

Miscellaneous simple cell phone, computer help, pet help or ?

More Helping Hands – you can also add your name to a list of persons in our church family who are willing to offer services for hire: handyman, gardening, house cleaning, house painting, window washing, house sitting, etc. Contact Barbara Whitson to add your name to our Helping Hand: Services for Hire, at 707-322-2012



CAZADERO CAMP BEGINNINGS
PART IV by Sara Gerboth

(continued)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Volunteer Areas (please circle your areas of interest)

1. **Visiting** (when someone is ill, or cannot attend church services)
2. **Provide Transportation:** to church services; to church events; to medical appointments; for grocery shopping
3. **Food:** provide a dinner when ill, dinner after hospital stay or to a bereaved family
4. **Miscellaneous** (provide help with cell phone use/set up or simple computer help, pet help or _____)

Area of Residence (please circle)

North Sebastopol West Sebastopol South Sebastopol
 Central Sebastopol West Santa Rosa East Santa Rosa
 Other _____

More Helping Hands – Services for Hire

If someone in our church family offers these services for hire, please provide contact information and services available.

Name _____ Phone _____

___ Baby sitting ___ House sitting ___ Pet sitting ___ Gardening
 ___ Bookkeeping ___ Correspondence ___ Handyman
 ___ House painting ___ House cleaning ___ Window washing
 Other _____

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For any questions, please contact Barbara Whitson at 322-2012

purchase 'war surplus' equipment to furnish the rooms and the barn-dorm, including surplus army bunk beds and an old army truck to haul equipment and campers. Victorians were replaced with the army's best.

The first camp was in June, 1945, with the war still going, and there was still rationing of meat, sugar and gasoline. Every camper had to bring their own plate, cup, bowl, silverware, a pound of sugar, and red ration stamps for meat. The camp staff had arranged with the local butcher to buy the meat, but were stunned when the meat was delivered to camp on the hoof, six fat steers. They were pastured in the meadow until, one by one, they were butchered and stored in the local frozen food locker in Cazadero. Wim Meyer said it just about killed him to order all the beef ground into hamburger or cut into stew, but steak and roast were not camp fare.

Getting to the camp was a bit more challenging for some than for others. The Greyhound bus dropped off campers, crew, and ministers at the Pink Elephant bar in Monte Rio. People could wait on the bench in front for pick-up by the old stake-sided army truck. They rode in back up the long, dusty, twisting road to Caz.

Campers were surprised to find out that there was a telephone at the camp located in the kitchen. The single uninsulated wire was strung to the town of Cazadero (about 7 miles) from one tree to another, on porcelain insulators. It was a 20-party line, that ran through the meat market in Cazadero. The butcher mediated arguments about who got the party line next.

During that first summer, the boys slept in the barn and the girls slept in Redwood Lodge. Early on the first day of summer camp, the cook sighted a rattlesnake just outside the kitchen door. She hurriedly honked the emergency horn and all the crew members came running. A crew member killed the rattle snake, and tried to calm the campers that had gathered.

(To be continued next month – or you can view the entire story online at: <http://uccseb.org/CazHistory.php>)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Children & Youth Palm Sunday Art Show 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 12:00 PM Youth at the US/Mexico Border with Lydia 4:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group	30	31	1 10:00 AM Men's Discussion Group 5:00 PM Handbell Practice	2 Maundy Thursday 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Board 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 5:00 PM Children & Youth Foot Washing & Agape Meal 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service in Faith Chapel 8:15 PM Chancel Choir	3 Good Friday 10:00 AM UkeStars 12:00 PM Good Friday Quiet Meditation in Faith Chapel 5:00 PM Children & Youth Cemetery Visit	4 11:00 AM Children & Youth Egg Hunt at Ragle
5 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Ragle Park 9:00 AM Easter Service 11:00 AM Easter Service	6	7	8 10:00 AM Men's Discussion Group 5:00 PM Handbell Practice	9 7:00 PM Grief Group	10 10:00 AM UkeStars	11 NCNC-UCC Conference Meeting at Palo Alto 8:40 AM Between Women 11:30 AM 2nd Saturday Lunch
12 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Ministry 4:00 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group	13	14	15 10:00 AM Men's Discussion Group 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	16 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Circle 2 Meeting 1:00 PM Women's Fellowship Circle 1 Meeting 7:00 PM Grief Group 7:15 PM Chancel Choir	17 10:00 AM UkeStars	18
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