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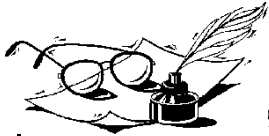
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# March 2014



*From our Pastor*

Once again we move into the season of Lent, that 40 day period – not counting Sundays – before the great celebration of Easter. I always find Lent to be a challenging season. And the challenge comes, not from the “usual” Lenten talk of sin, confession and penitence, not from the talk of “giving something up” for Lent, and not from the “bloody, bloody Jesus” hymns - Lizann Bassham’s description of many of the Lenten hymns.

No, for me the challenge goes a bit deeper. I realize, perhaps in this season above all others, how completely I buy into the cultural assumptions of our time: that I am pretty much in charge of my own life; that my life is self-created through my own astute, free, deliberate choices – “I choose, therefore I am.” In such a world I am the only one who knows what is right for me, what is true for me, what rules work for me. Don’t bother me with your judgments because my opinion is the measure of all things. That may sound a bit extreme, but in my humble opinion it is not far from the cultural norm of 21st century America.

Then we find ourselves in Lent – old-fashioned, judgmental, countercultural Lent; a season that dares to suggest that perhaps I am not the center of the universe or the sole determiner of what is right and true. Lent proclaims that there is another claim on my life, another voice that needs to be heard, indeed that the will of God for us might be more important than the priorities of our own choosing.

How easily we are seduced by wealth. How easily we prioritize our comforts over the needs of others. Then we meet a young man on the road to Jerusalem who says simply, “Follow me.” And that dangerous choice may be the only one that leads to true life.

*Gene*



## Lenten Week-day Communions

On Wednesdays during Lent, at 8:30 AM in Faith Chapel, Rev. Nelson will be leading an informal communion service. It will be a simple service of prayer and reflection and will conclude with the Lord's Supper. These services begin on March 12<sup>th</sup> and conclude on April 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class continues meeting throughout the month of March, starting with a Confirmation Retreat on March 8 at the Pacific School of Religion with Lizann Bassham. Please meet at the church at 7:30 AM on Saturday morning and we will drive to Berkeley together. The class will also meet on March 16, and March 30 after worship in the Youth Lounge for class and lunch!



## WOMEN'S Bible Study

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet in March on Wednesday, March 12, 19 and March 26 in the Fireside Room at 10 AM. The group will continue with a study of the Beatitudes. All women are invited to join the group and spend time exploring the Bible. Questions? Please contact Joanne Matson at 823-5249.

## 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 will practice on March 2, 16, 23 and March 30. Questions? Contact Sara at 707-291-2741 or [sara.margulis@gmail.com](mailto:sara.margulis@gmail.com).



## Pastoral Time Off

Rev. Nelson will be out of town with his family from March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>.

# Sermons & Scripture March 2014

*March 2* TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY: PURPOSELESS WORSHIP  
We read this strange story of Jesus' transfiguration and wonder what it means, what is its purpose, what we are supposed to do with it? The answer may be...nothing. Perhaps we should just sit back and relish the moment.

Communion

Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Nelson

Lenten Sermon Theme:  
HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS – PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

### The First Sunday of Lent

*March 9* HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS: CAIAPHAS – PLACE OR PURPOSE?  
How easy it is to get so preoccupied with place and position that we completely lose sight of life's purpose.

Matthew 26:57-68

Rev. Nelson

### The Second Sunday of Lent

*March 16* HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS:  
PETER – BITING OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW  
Good intentions are great. But what happens when the time comes to quit talking and take action?

Matthew 5:21-37

Rev. Nelson

### The Third Sunday of Lent

*March 23* HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS: BARABBAS  
How do we feel about Barabbas' release, when it meant Jesus would then be executed?"

Matthew 27:15-23

Rachel Knuth

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent

*March 30* HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS: PILATE – THE ARTFUL DODGER  
Sometimes you just have to quit the hand washing, the excuse making, and take some responsibility.

Matthew 27:20-25

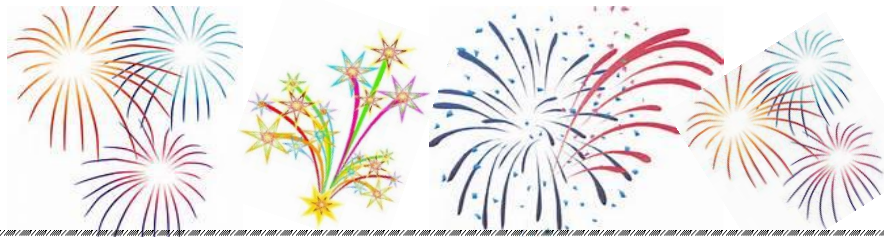
Rev. Nelson

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*April 5* HOLY WEEK ENCOUNTERS: JUDAS – MISSING THE MESSAGE  
What happens when our lofty expectations are not fulfilled, when we feel like it has all been a waste of time? It is so tempting to turn our back on all we believed in.

Luke 22:21-23; 47-53

Rev. Nelson



## Community Church of Sebastopol 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1889-2014

In 2014 the Community Church of Sebastopol will be  
**125 years old!!!**

It will be a year of celebrating and sharing of historical memories. Below is a calendar of events planned so far with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Your help with these events and other anniversary activities are needed and welcomed with great enthusiasm. Mark the box on the event(s) you would be interested in helping with, fill out the other info, and mail back to the church.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lenten Pancake Breakfast (March 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Swing Dance & Dinner (Sept. 6)
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner (March 17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Fashioned Revival Meeting (October 12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Blossom Parade – Church Anniversary Float (April 12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Festival (November 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 50's / 60's Family Dine & Dance (May 17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Church History Book
<input type="checkbox"/> All Church Picnic (June 29)	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Vignettes

I am excited about celebrating the church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I have checked the events I would like to help with to make it a very memorable event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form to The Community Church, P.O. Box 579, Sebastopol, CA 95473 or drop off in the church office. Thank you!

### A Call to Share God's Love: **125 DAYS OF CARING**

FEBRUARY 9- JUNE 16, 2014

Share your stories and pictures on line – email your photos and a brief description of the project to [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) and we will post them on our website and face book page.



Help celebrate our church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by sharing your gifts and time with family, friends and the community. Beginning Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> we'll begin 125 Day of Caring. Here's how you can participate:

❖ **Select a Red Heart to Volunteer for a New Project**

We'll have red paper hearts with projects that can make a difference at church, at home and in the community. There will be a variety of projects to choose from—sharing your musical talents with the residents at Fircrest Care and Rehabilitation center, making an entrée for the monthly Saturday lunch, treating your Mom to breakfast in bed on Mother's Day, or participating in an Earth Day project. There will be activities for children, families, individuals and groups. Find a heart that speaks to your heart and sign the sheet that goes with the activity. After you complete the activity, sign the heart and return it to the basket in the narthex,

❖ **Select a White Heart to Record Current Activities**

We'd also like to recognize all the many activities members are participating in. Write each activity on a separate heart. Sign it and put it in the basket in the lobby.

We'll post ALL hearts in the sanctuary. This is a wonderful opportunity to embody God's love and strengthen our ties to loved ones and community. Help us fill the sanctuary with simple acts of love.



Sebastopol's Rebuilding Together crew is looking for volunteers for the April 26 work day. If you would like to help make lunches that morning in Memorial Hall, please call the church office at 823-2484. If you can

volunteer at the work site, please visit



Children's Ministry

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

On Sunday, March 2nd the 3-5th Grade Sunday School class will be serving Communion. The children have been learning about the Sacraments. They learned four meanings of Communion: to give thanks, to bless, to be a community, to remember Jesus. They will be baking the bread for Communion

that morning and writing the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

If you have a child in 3-5th Grade, please drop him or her off in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am on March 2nd to help prepare the elements.

### Children Ages 3-5 (Room #5)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
March 2	Communion – children will stay in church	
March 9	The Mystery of Easter	Kathy Bell
March 16	Faces of Easter	Andie Polley
March 23	Faces of Easter	TBA
March 30	Faces of Easter	Kathy Bell

### Children Ages 6-7 (Room #6)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
March 2	Communion – children will stay in church	
March 9	The Mystery of Easter	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
March 16	Faces of Easter 1 & 2	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
March 23	Faces of Easter 3	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum
March 30	Faces of Easter 4	Jamie Malone or Debbie McCallum

### Children Ages 8-11 (Room #4)

DATE	STORY	TEACHER
March 2	Communion – children will help serve Communion	
March 9	Baptism Lesson	Rachel Knuth
March 16	Seasons of the Spirit	Mary McMillon
March 23	Seasons of the Spirit	Laura Steyn
March 30	Seasons of the Spirit	Suzanne Gordon



## 2014 CHURCH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

We have a new Church Directory waiting for you! And if you have had a change in mailing address, email or phone, please let us know in the church office at 823-2484 or office@uccseb.org.

### Lenten Retreat:

## Fan Your Faith Into Flame

WITH THE REV. BETHANY NELSON

MARCH 29 • 9AM-4 PM

Join us as we spend a day during the Lenten season to fan our faith into flame. In his letter to Timothy, Paul reminded him to "*fan into a flame the gift that God gave you . . . God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.*" During this retreat, we will consider what it means to be blessed with a Spirit of Love, and how we might live a bold and powerful life of faith. Rev. Bethany Nelson will be our facilitator.

We will meet on March 29 from 9:00 to 4:00 with lunch provided. Cost will be \$25 per person. Plan to join us for this day of reflection, rest and renewal in the midst of this special season. Please contact the church office with any questions at 823-2484.



### LENTEN RETREAT REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check, payable to the Community Church for \$25 for each person. Completed forms and payment may be dropped off in the Church Office, left in the collection plate or mailed to:

Community Church of Sebastopol, UCC  
P.O. Box 579  
Sebastopol, CA 95473

## Committee for Adult Education 2014 Faith Journey & Soup Suppers

Each year during Lent, we gather at the church on Tuesday evenings to share in a simple soup supper and then hear one of our church members share his/her story and how faith has helped to shape that story. Easter is April 20 and we will meet on the five Tuesday evenings during Lent beginning March 11 through April 8.

In addition to planning the faith journey portion of the program, we are also looking to sign up soup makers for each of the five Tuesday evenings. We enjoy a variety of homemade soups for this event and if you would like to be on the soup schedule for a Tuesday, please sign up in the church office or call Dorothy McKoin at 829-5520.



We meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 for the soup supper and then move to Faith Chapel in the Pilgrim Center at 7PM for the faith journey. Over the years, this has proven to be a meaningful experience for all who attend and a wonderful way to build community. Your participation will make this event even more special.

The presentations scheduled so far:

March 11 John Simmons	March 18 TBA
March 25 Dorothy McKoin	April 1 Paula Pearce
April 8 TBA	

Sign up to bring a soup in the church office or send an email to [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) or call Dorothy 829-5520. And watch for the updated list as we announce each of our faith journey presenters.

### Adult Education Sunday Morning Class

Adult Education invites you to drop in for our Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School. Come by the Fireside Room at 9:30 for coffee and to discuss the scripture for the morning's sermon. We will begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. Then we will read the passage, discuss it, and be able to listen to the Sunday sermon with a little more insight and hear what the pastor has to say. Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a Bible scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time!



### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Monday, March 17 in Memorial Hall 5:00 – 8 PM

Calling all Leprechauns! Come and enjoy an evening with a traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner and a special Leprechaun inspired dessert. Enjoy live entertainment with music, dance, an Irish sing-a-long, and comedy. Bring your favorite Irish joke to share and don't forget to wear **GREEN** or you might get pinched! We start with fun & games, dinner at 6.



Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 8 and younger. . To sign up, contact Bobbie Johanson at 823-7126 or the church office at 823-2484 or send an email to [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org).

### RSVP by March 12

For additional information call Kathleen Matthies at (707) 758-3970 or [kathleenmatthies@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenmatthies@yahoo.com) or

Bobbie Johanson at 823-7126 or [BobbieJohanson@sonic.net](mailto:BobbieJohanson@sonic.net).



This fun event sells out early, so plan to get your tickets now!

### Pledge Update

#### This year as of 2/20/14

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

#### Last year as of 2/20/13

Total Households Pledging 126  
Operating Fund Pledges \$257,405

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



### FOLLOW DANELLE WILSON'S BLOG

Most of you know Danelle Wilson, daughter of Edwin & Diana Wilson, and that she pursuing a career in medicine – you can follow her blog <http://followmedschool.blogspot.com/> and get a peek into life at med school. And if you don't know Danelle, this is a great way to learn all about her!



On Wednesday, March 5, we will mark the beginning of the season of Lent with two Ash Wednesday services in Faith Chapel.

A special Children's Service (adults are welcome too!) will be at 5:30 PM in the chapel. Then at 5:45 everyone is invited to a simple soup supper in Memorial Hall that will conclude by 6:30. At 6:45 PM a contemplative service for adults will be held in the chapel. Ashes will be available for those who would like to receive them as we start the 40 day journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and Holy Week.

Please see a more complete description of the Ash Wednesday services below.

### Ash Wednesday

**Q: What's happening for children on Ash Wednesday? Isn't that a time for adults?**

A: Actually, we're glad you asked! Children enjoy participating in the change of church seasons, and Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a short and wonderful Ash Wednesday service for children and families on Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30pm in the Chapel. A simple soup supper follows at 5:45pm in Memorial Hall, with the adult service in Faith Chapel at 6:45pm. (You don't even have to cook dinner that night!)

April

**Q: Isn't Ash Wednesday too depressing for children? What's going to happen in this service?**

A: The service will not focus on the traditional language of sin and death that we might hear in a liturgy for adults. We will change the colors of the paraments (cloth) to purple. There will be a (very) short procession and the opportunity for parents and children to exchange ashes on their foreheads.

**Q: What's for dinner afterwards?**

A: There will be a simple soup dinner, with sandwiches and cut veggies for the children. It's a great chance to share a meal with the people coming to the later service too! You'll be ready to go and all set for your family bedtime routine by 6:30pm!

### Moderator's Musings....

What I like about our church are the opportunities and ease with which we can give back to our community, our nation, and our world, whether it's the homeless lunches, the adult and youth mission trips, the 10,000 Villages gifts, or the alternative gift catalogue. I could also mention the shoeboxes and underwear tree at Christmas. Our youth just collected over \$625 dollars to contribute to the Catholic Worker. What a nice lesson for them to learn in the art of giving.

The 125th anniversary committee has just made it even easier to get involved and give back with their red hearts. I hope each of you has picked up a red heart and stretched yourself to try something new or learn about an organization in our community that you didn't know much about. What fun it will be to see all the red and white hearts decorating the sanctuary. We really can be God's hands and hearts in this world.

May our lights shine and our saltiness flavor our community. In the end we will all be blessed. I have just learned a new Hebrew phrase Tikkun Olam which means 'repairing the world'. Every act of kindness helps repair our broken world. We have a lot of work ahead of us!!

Jane Huneke, Church Moderator

*"That's what I consider true generosity. You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing."* Simone de Beauvoir



### April 5 Garden (Work) Party!

On Saturday, April 5, please join us at church for a garden (work) party! We plan to have a good time while we spruce up the courtyard and church grounds and you are invited to join us from 9:30-Noon.

In preparation for our dry summer, we want to be as ready as we can to keep our grounds looking their best. Do you have a tree or shrubs you plan to remove? We can use the ground up chips here at church for mulch to help retain the moisture in the soil. Have the chips delivered to the church and our plants will thank you! If you don't have mulch, come give us a hand as we give our grounds a real spring cleaning! Questions? Contact Barbara Whitson at 707-322-2012.

# March Birthdays

1	Jamie Lerum Maya Malone John Carlson	17	Lynn Brittan Lori Babcock
3	CJ Hudlow	18	Lloyd Lerum Karyl Clenenen-Drennon
4	Pam Kruse Jay Zimmer		Tami Hinckley Sonja Leake
5	Denelle Tognozzi Hope Madden Krista Kalemba	19	Jerry Coleman Breanne Cassells Esme Sundance
7	Wendy Cunningham	20	Joyce Cox
8	Allana McDonald Erik Holland Olivia Foster	22	Taylor Davison Carter Bell Jessica Osborn
9	Julie Davis Todd Edwards	23	Nao Noguchi Lee Davis
10	Venice DelMonte Amy Rocha Sara Jordan	25	Charlie Jenkins Esme Arendt Kathy Smith
11	Joella Falkingham Diana Iverson Curt Nichols Elena Larssen Kendall Dawson	26	Elliot Butterfield Erin Butterfield Joshua Bradley Olivia Stoll
12	Brook Embry Liz Junge Owen Thomas Reece Thomas Avy Card	27	Jim Lerum Tristan Holland
		28	Helen Williams
		29	Margarette Murakami Rich McChesney Diane Brink
15	Megan Bradley		



# Women's Fellowship

The members of Women's Fellowship are a diversified and energetic group. Most are retired, however, recently we acquired a new member who is still employed. She is Fannie Lonzo, a care-giver by profession. She is an inspiring young lady and actually volunteered to be the new leader of Circle 1, and Diana Wilson, immediate past president of Women's Fellowship was elected leader of Circle 2 - we are grateful for their enthusiastic participation! The two ladies are planning some joint Circle activities and would welcome your participation too!

Also, long-time church members recently joined Women's Fellowship, and they are Chris Jenkins, Bobbie Johanson, Carole Hudlow and Marge Holland. We are happy to have them join us as well, and we recognize their talents and gifts to add to what Women's Fellowship does for the benefit of our church and the community.

Barbara Wilson is the new Chairman of the Executive Board and we know she will bring a lot of enthusiasm and interest to our group. We have recently changed our meeting dates. The Women's Fellowship meetings are now on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. At these meetings we usually have a featured speaker, followed by the luncheon. We have had some special and interesting speakers at these meetings and we learn much about what is happening in Sebastopol. The Circle meetings are on the third Thursday. Please contact Fannie or Diana for times and places.

If any of you are interested in joining this vital part of our church activity, please feel free to call Barbara Wilson and she will be delighted to encourage you to join us. You will all be welcome and you personally will gain great insight into the Women's Fellowship activities. Thank you!

## March 6 & Meeting

Something very different on the schedule today! We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10 AM and begin our time together with a brunch. Following brunch, we will move to Faith Chapel for our general meeting and a program by the Vice Mayor of Sebastopol, Patrick Slayter.

## March 20 & Circles

Women's Fellowship Circles will meet on March 20, times and locations to be announced.

**M**emorial Lilies will grace our chancel on Easter Morning, April 20. 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: APRIL 14**

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

This lily is In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

– OR –

This lily is In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

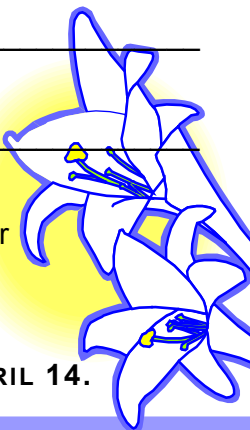
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Given by (your name) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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 APRIL 14.**

# Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM DISCUSSION 9-11 AM**

Between Women celebrates 14 years!

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, March 8, in Faith Chapel with a continental breakfast in the Media Room.

**Between Women** meets the second Saturday of every month from 8:40 to 11:00 AM. We meet in the Chapel and Media Room 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 •

For more information, contact Marie Cotton at 393-7573



## 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, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, leave it in the church office. Please print **C L E A R L Y** the first and last name you would like printed on your church name tag:

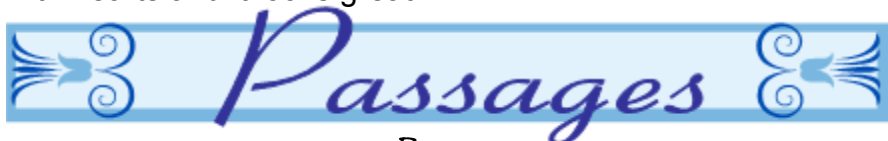
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## Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU ♦ Thank YOU

♦ Thank you to Joanne Matson, Janet Minton, Dorothy McKoin, Nancy Shimetz and Norma Taddeucci for the extra help in the office – what a treat! ♦ Thank you to Bob Holland and Barbara Whitson for keeping our church campus looking so spiffy – and thanks for organizing the garden (work) party on April 5! ♦ Thank you to Kathy Matthies and Kathy Bell for organizing the Memorial Hall kitchen clean up – the place looks great and be sure to check out the new convection ovens!. ♦ Thank you to Keith and his help Gene who came in on the rainy Saturday to clear gutters before we had a big flood! ♦ Thank you to Pam Ammondson and Joyce Cox for spearheading our 125 Days of Caring – the sanctuary is filling with hearts and it looks great!

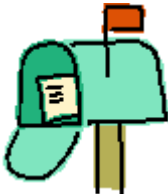


### Baptisms

The Nelson family celebrated two baptisms during worship on February 9 – Nathaniel Nelson and Jocelyn Nelson received the sacrament of Christian baptism, officiated by Rev. Nelson, no relation. We rejoice with parents Mark and Anne Nelson as Nathaniel and Jocelyn begin their walk in the Christian faith.

### Moving

Dave and Carleen Madsen have pulled up stakes in Sebastopol and recently moved to Oakmont: Dave & Carleen Madsen  
405 Oak Vista Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
(707) 539-6922



### Something New!

We had to say good bye to the old convection oven in Memorial Hall – an item we bought used almost 20 years ago! But check out the shiny new ovens purchased by Apple Pies with help from Memorial & Endowment. We can now bake 50 pies at one time!



## MISSION & OUTREACH

### ADULT MISSION TRIP: JUNE 15-22, 2014

Our Adult Mission Trip (16+) will be heading to New Jersey to help with continued disaster recovery from Hurricane Sandy. We will be working in the area of Moonachie and Little Ferry. These towns are inland but were flooded by a 9' ocean surge that left several feet of salt water in the homes for several days. Most of the Hurricane Sandy recovery work already completed has been in the Jersey Shore area, leaving the inland area until this year. There may still be room to join the group – contact Joyce Cox if you have any questions, 829-0750.

### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers: Wednesdays are volunteer build days, and volunteers are always welcome. You do not need building skills, but do need to be able to work around a construction site. Anyone for developing a dedicated Senior crew? Contact Habitat at [www.sonomacountyhabitat.org](http://www.sonomacountyhabitat.org) or 707-578-7707. You can also call Mary or Bill McMillon at 707-823-2867.



Look for specials each month at the

Habitat RESTORE at 1201 Piner Road and features a great assortment of items – you just never know what you might find for your next project!

### 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.



# Youth News March 2014

## Jr. High

Remember Jr. High Youth Group (grades 6-8) starts at 4:30, but you can get to the Youth Lounge as early as 4 PM for some extra time with Kristen and your friends!

- March 2** Youth & Parents Mini Mission Trip Meeting  
Join us in the Youth Lounge to find out all the details!
- March 9** Regular Meeting in the Youth Lounge
- March 16** Lenten Season: Everything you ever wanted to know!
- March 23** Pizza & Game Night! What could be more fun!
- March 30** No Meeting

## Sr. High

Remember Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12) starts at 6:30, but you can get to the Youth Lounge as early as 6 PM for some extra time with Kristen and your friends!

- March 1** Saturday 3-5 PM Meet in Memorial Hall to set up for our Fundraiser Pancake Brunch
- March 2** 10:30 AM-2 PM Help with our Pancake Fundraiser!  
Mission Trip payment due - have you paid up to \$300?
- March 9** 6-8 PM Regular Meeting in the Youth Lounge
- March 16** 6-8 PM Regular Meeting in the Youth Lounge (our church work day will be rescheduled)
- March 23** 6-8 PM – Pizza, Pasta & Games! You know it will be too good to miss!
- March 30** No Meeting
- April 5 & 6** Sr. High Mission Trip Overnight Retreat: San Mateo on Saturday & Sunday. More info to follow.  
Mission Trip payment due – have you paid up to \$400?



## Pancake Brunch

**SUNDAY • MARCH 2**

11:30 am to 2 pm  
Memorial Hall

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

You are invited to start the Lenten season with a Mardi Gras style

### SHROVE PANCAKE BRUNCH

• Scrambles Eggs • Bacon • Fruit • Pancakes & Toppings •

**PANCAKE GAMES • PANCAKE STORY TELLING  
PANCAKE FLIPPING CONTEST • EVERYTHING PANCAKES!!**

Suggested Donation \$10 Adults • \$7 Children (5-12 years)  
Children under 4 FREE



**Call 211 for  
Non-emergency Help**

Did you know that **211** is a get-help-fast number to call for non-life threatening, non-emergencies? **211** was put into service a few years ago in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, providing FREE help and referral information to people with urgent needs.

**211** refers callers to local agencies that provide food, medical care, shelter and other critical services in our community. The free service is a program of the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County, the County of Sonoma and United Way. From needs such as childcare, health, immigration help, adult care, food and shelter, to finding out where to donate clothing and food or to connect with volunteer opportunities. **211** is the number to call.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2014</h1>						<b>1</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth meet in Memorial Hall to set up from 3-5 PM
<b>2</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Choir <b>10:30 AM</b> Sr. High Youth <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>11:45 AM</b> Lenten Pancake Brunch <b>4:00 PM</b> Jr. High Youth & Parents	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Children's Service <b>5:45 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Soup Supper <b>6:45 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Brunch <b>11:00 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>8</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Confirmation Class to PSR <b>8:40 AM</b> Between Women <b>11:30 AM</b> Second Saturday Lunch
<b>9</b> 1st Sunday of Lent New Member Received <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & Children's Ministry <b>4:00 PM</b> Jr. High Youth <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Faith Journey	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Lenten Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> 125th Anniversary Planning Mtg	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 2nd Sunday of Lent <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>11:45 AM</b> Confirmation Class & Lunch <b>4:00 PM</b> Jr. High Youth <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth	<b>17</b> <b>5-8 PM</b> St. Patrick's Dinner <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission & Outreach	<b>18</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Faith Journey	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Lenten Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Fellowship Circles <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent <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>4:00 PM</b> Jr. High Youth <b>6:00 PM</b> Sr. High Youth	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Faith Journey	<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Lenten Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>29</b> <b>9 AM – 4 PM</b> Lenten Retreat with Rev. Bethany Nelson in Pilgrim Center
<b>30</b> 4th Sunday of Lent <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>11:45 AM</b> Confirmation Class & Lunch	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> Faith Journey	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Lenten Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> WF Board <b>10:30 AM</b> WF Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> WF Lunch <b>7:00 PM</b> Grief Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UkeStars practice	<b>5</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Garden (work!) Party