

# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC

FEBRUARY 2, 2014 COMMUNION SUNDAY

Our worship service begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for quiet reflection as you prepare for worship. \*All who are able may stand +Seating of Latecomers

+Prelude  
+Welcome and Parish Concerns  
Divine Connection Introit **Turn, Turn, Turn**  
Opening Sentence  
\*+Opening Hymn **Ours the Journey** 458

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: *The spirit of God is upon us.*

**People: The spirit of hope and joy; the spirit of challenge and truth.**

Leader: *The spirit of God is upon us, because God has anointed us,*

**People: To bring good tidings to the poor,**

Leader: *To bind up the brokenhearted,*

**People: To proclaim liberty to the captives,**

Leader: *To comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.*

**People: To join our bodies with Christ in service and song.**

Leader: *Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit! Let us pray:*

## \*Prayer of Invocation: (unison)

**God of all people, we come here as your church this morning to worship you in community. May we listen with our hearts as you call each of us by name... as you speak in the silence, in song, in prayer, in scripture, in spoken word. Today we hear again the Biblical call to work for justice and peace and equality for all people. Forgive us for that we have left undone, for all the times we have chosen to pass by on the other side. Help us to become vessels of reconciliation and peace. May our voice be the voice of mercy. By your grace may we be a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people. Amen.**

Divine Connection Anthem

Children's Message

\*Hymn **We Shall Overcome** 630

Infants & Children to age 5 may go to Room #3; Children are staying in church today to participate in Communion. Activity bags are available from the ushers.

Scripture Lesson **Micah 6:1-8**

Congregational Response **What Does the Lord Require of You?** 661

Sermon **Walking the Walk** Rev. Nelson

The Offering

Divine Connection Offertory  
(Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" during the offertory)

\*A Doxology **What Does the Lord Require of You?** 661

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper insert

\*Benediction

\*Departing Hymn **This Land Is Your Land** insert

\*Postlude

**Welcome to our Friends and Visitors** this morning. Please join us for our Time of Refreshment in the courtyard immediately following worship. The Community Church of Sebastopol is an Open and Affirming Congregation. What this means, in the words of our Open and Affirming Statement, is... **"We welcome and affirm people of every religious background, family composition, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, ethnicity, age and gender. We encourage all people to participate fully in every aspect of our church's life and ministry..."** Again, WELCOME!

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL, UCC  
1000 Gravenstein Hwy North, Sebastopol (707) 823-2484  
Worship Sundays at 10:30 AM ☞ [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org)

## Pledge Update

This year as of 1/30/2014

Total Households Pledging 123  
 Operating Fund Pledges \$274,633

Last year as of 1/30/2013

Total Households Pledging 122  
 Operating Fund Pledges \$250,720

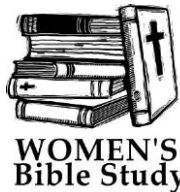
Pledge cards are available on the table in the Narthex. Please give prayerful thought to your financial support of the church



**New members** will be received into The Community Church during the worship service on Sunday, March 2. There will be an informational meeting for those interested in church membership following the worship service on Sunday, February 23rd, in the Fireside Room. If you cannot attend that meeting, but are still interested, please see one of the ministers.

**Confirmation Class** Today, following worship, Rachel Knuth and Rev. Nelson will be leading an information session on this year's Confirmation Class. Confirmation is open to all youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Youth and parents are invited to this meeting.

**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 begin the discussion with a brief insight into the pastor's view of the passage and pose questions for the group. We are then able to listen to the sermon with a little more insight. You don't need to be a biblical scholar, just have the desire to delve into the Bible, one scripture at a time.



**Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday at 10 AM with a study on Faith. The group will also meet next on Wednesday, February 12, at 10 AM and following this meeting, the group will take a break until March 12. Contact Joanne Matson with any questions at 823-5249.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet at their new date: Thursday, February 6, beginning at 10 AM with the Women's Fellowship Board meeting in the Women's Fellowship office. At 10:30 AM the general meeting will be held in the Fireside Room. A luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall. On February 20 the Women's Fellowship Circles will meet, times and locations to be announced.

## Participants in the Service Today

Eugene N. Nelson, Jr. .... Senior Minister  
 Kristen DelMonte..... Associate Minister  
 Brian Plaughter .....Minister of Music  
 Rachel Knuth ..... Children's Program Director  
 Paula, Dave, Darryl, Andy ..... Divine Connection  
 Darryl Fenley..... Keyboardist  
 Elyse Mengle ..... Visitor Table  
 Diana Wilson.....Childcare Coordinator

## THIS WEEK AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Sunday** 9:30 AM, **Adult Sunday School**, Fireside Room  
 10:30 AM, **Jr. High Souper Bowl of Caring**  
 11:45 AM, **Confirmation Orientation**, Fireside Room

**Wednesday** **10 AM, Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room**  
 7 PM, **Handbells**, Sanctuary  
 7 PM, **50/60's Dance Planning Meeting**, Fireside Room

**Thursday** 10 AM, **Women's Fellowship Board**, WF Office  
 10:30 AM, **Women's Fellowship Meeting**, Fireside Room  
 Noon, **Women's Fellowship Lunch**, Fellowship Hall  
 7 PM, **Grief Group**, Fireside Room  
 7:15 PM, **Chancel Choir**, Choir Room

**Friday** 10 AM, **UkeStars**, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday** 8:40 AM, **Between Women**, Media Room/Chapel  
 11:30 AM, **Second Saturday Lunch**, Fellowship Hall

## JR. HIGH YOUTH WORKING TO END HUNGER

The Jr. High Youth at the Community Church of Sebastopol are working to help stamp out hunger by collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring. You can help too with your cash and food donations. The youth will be in worship today with their soup pots to collect your donations that will go directly to the Catholic Worker to help folks right here in Sonoma County. In addition to cash donations, the youth are also collection

*Peanut Butter Rice Pasta Cans of Tuna Beans Pasta Sauce*

One in five children in our country lives in poverty and that means even more people will be turning to food pantries this winter for help feeding their families. Help stamp out hunger by contributing the Jr. High Youth Souper Bowl of Caring today!



FEBRUARY 9 AT 4 PM

### Toe Tappers and Tear Jerkers: Songs from the Great American Song Book



In the 1920's, gin came in a bathtub. In the 1930's, Busby Berkeley cast a kaleidoscope of dancing beauties on the silver screen to help people forget the breadlines outside. In the 1940's, crooners and torch singers kept those longing for love, and those lamenting it, sighing into their cocktails. Sit back now and enjoy those sweet songs from the 20's, toe tappers from the 30's and songs of the heart from the 40's performed by vocalists Lizann Bassham, Kat Rosen, Sonya Krautner, accompanied by pianist, Darryl Fenley, and instrumentalist, Ray Walker.

Sunday February 9th 5pm

Sebastopol Community Church

A free will offering will be taken to support the Youth Mission Trip

## Between Women

Intergenerational Gathering

Saturday, February 8, 2014

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 8:40 AM

DISCUSSION 9-11 AM

Between Women celebrates 14 years!

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, February 8, in Faith Chapel as we kick off the New Year!

**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

### ADULT MISSION TRIP:

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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.

Applications are available in the church office or online at <http://www.uccseb.org/MissionTrips.php>. The group size is limited to 15. The **application deadline is February 21** and must also include a \$400 deposit. Sound interesting to you? There will be a planning meeting after church in the Fireside Room on February 23. Because the price of plane tickets is on the rise, we need to commit to the project early and purchase tickets. Please contact Joyce Cox if you have any questions, 829-0750.

### SATURDAY TABLE FEBRUARY 8

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. 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 homeless outreach
- ❖ Thick tube socks, sweat shirts, jackets, etc.
- ❖ Men's walking/athletic shoes or boots
- ❖ Tarps, rain ponchos, back packs

These items 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.



**50/60's Dance** One of our events planned for our 125<sup>th</sup>

Celebration is a 50/60's dinner dance in May. If you would like to help with the planning of this special event, you are invited to attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

**Grief Support Group** meets on Thursdays in the Fireside Room at 7 PM. Please contact Susanne or Harry Simms at 829-7769 to confirm the meeting dates. All are welcome to attend this free class.



**Fact: Sunday Mornings are Volunteer Intensive**  
**Query: How Can You Share Your Time?**

The Diaconate Board needs your assistance in filling sixteen positions every Sunday. (This does not include Sunday School.) Your gift of time will be a valuable contribution to the warm, welcoming climate of our church. Please consider this an opportunity to put your faith in action and serve the Lord and our Church.

Please complete the following form and drop it in the offering plate this morning. A member of the Diaconate Board will call you to arrange specific dates.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am able to help Sundays on:**

Jan 19\_\_\_ Jan 26\_\_\_ Feb 2\_\_\_ Feb 9\_\_\_ Feb 16\_\_\_ Feb 23\_\_\_

March 2\_\_\_ March 9\_\_\_ March 16\_\_\_ March 23\_\_\_ March 30\_\_\_

April 6\_\_\_ April 13\_\_\_ April 20 9am Easter\_\_\_ April 20 11am Easter\_\_\_

**On the Sundays indicated above, I could help:**

\_\_\_\_\_ be the head usher \_\_\_\_\_ usher

\_\_\_\_\_ with new members and be a New Member Shepherd

\_\_\_\_\_ greet at the front door \_\_\_\_\_ with Coffee Hour

\_\_\_\_\_ be a Lay Reader \_\_\_\_\_ with Communion set up

\_\_\_\_\_ call on shut-ins \_\_\_\_\_ drive people to church in my car

\_\_\_\_\_ Acolyte (Children 7-14)

\_\_\_\_\_ I can also help with memorial receptions – just give me a call



**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"/> 125 Days of Caring (Feb 9- June 16)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lenten Pancake Breakfast (March 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Swing Dance & Dinner (Sept 13)
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner (March 17)	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Fashioned Revival Meeting (Oct 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 Dinner & Dance (May)	<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

*"How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly, changing the world. How lovely that everyone, great and small can make their contribution..."*  
Anne Frank



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.

