



# Pick-A-Party

*Parties with opening as of 10/24/16*

Congregational Church of San Mateo

Fall 2016

Thanks for making this year's Pick-A-Party so successful!

**1 Autumnal Dinner ..... \$45.00**

# Guests: 8  
Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Julie’s home in Redwood City  
Hosts: Julie Meyers and Angela DiMare

Before the holidays are upon us, let’s enjoy a relaxing dinner with friends starting with champagne (or seltzer) cocktails, wine with dinner, savory Palmiers accompanied by a refreshing veggie platter, butter lettuce salad with persimmons and pears; a luscious harvest soup; Pecan Maple Chicken served on a bed of roasted vegetables, and a surprise dessert trio -- along with Penny’s much maligned Tomato Soup Cake. And of course great conversation.

**2 Barn Dancing and Chili ..... \$25.00 per adult; \$50.00 per family**

# Guests: 60  
Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017  
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Place: CCSM: Kloss Hall  
Hosts: Penny Nixon and Annlee McGurk; Cheryl Rosenthal and Chiara Manodori

Join Penny, Annlee (and Mercy), Cheryl and Chiara (and Sophia) for a barn dance in Kloss Hall. Put on your cowboy/cowgirl boots and c’mon out – or we’ll have to lasso you ourselves. Chiara will lead us in line dancing, two stepping and a foot-stomping, fun dance. Everyone can do it and kids will love it. For all ages. A home-cooked “cowboy” dinner of chili and corn bread included. Come by yourself, come with a friend, or come with your entire family.

**3 Breakfast (Leipzig-style) with Johann Sebastian Bach ..... \$25.00**

# Guests: 25  
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Laura’s home in Belmont  
Hosts: Laura Peterhans and Mary Ann Notz

Unique German breakfast buffet featuring gourmet cheeses, wurst\*, broetchen, various breads, tortes, fruit compote, freshly brewed coffee and teas, all accompanied by conversation and by a smorgasbord of Bach’s compositions played with verve on a 1898 Steinway Parlor Grand by your CCSM friends, which includes you if you are willing. Other instruments and/or vocals welcome as long as you share BACH.

\*Options available: smoked herring, herring in sour cream, gurken....

**5 Casavant Love: Organ Concert and Chocolate ..... \$35.00**

# Guests: 30  
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: CCSM: Chancel area of the Sanctuary  
Hosts: Angela Kraft Cross, Diane Kalliam, Fiona Martin and Beth Sandell

Come enjoy a beautifully performed concert in the chancel by CCSM’s talented organist, Angela Kraft Cross, followed by a time of fellowship and fun. Valentine-themed fancy appetizers, chocolate truffles and wonderful wine will all be part of this lovely experience.

**9 Christmas Happy Hour Open House ..... \$25.00**

# Guests: 15  
Date: Sunday, December 11, 2016  
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Lori and Marty's (new) home in San Carlos  
Hosts: Lori and Marty Shepard

Lori has a passion for decorating for Christmas, showcasing the "Christmas in the City" village she's collected for twenty years. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season with a festive happy hour, featuring mulled wine and cider, appetizers, sweets and her famous Snowy Mountain Treats. There will be even some deceptively healthy goodies for those watching your holiday calories.

**11 Coastal Trail Walk & Light Brunch (Dogs Welcome) ..... \$20 per adult; \$5.00 per child; or \$50.00 per family**

# Guests: 25 creatures (adults, kids and dogs)  
Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016  
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Ellen's home in Half Moon Bay  
Hosts: Ellen Palmer

Drive over the hill to Half Moon Bay to join Ellen and daughters Jess and Avery for a hearty trail walk – first on pavement then dirt. We will enjoy the fresh ocean air on this coastal loop trail, 2-3 miles in length, followed by a light brunch. Your "dog friendly" dog is most welcome. Wear walking shoes, hat, sunscreen and sun glasses. Great family fun.

**15 Dessert, Champagne & Music ..... \$25.00**

# Guests: 35  
Date: Saturday, June 10, 2017  
Time: 8:00 p.m.  
Place: Jim and Kurt's home in San Mateo  
Hosts: Jim Berthelsen and Kurt Neubert

Back by popular demand, this delightful late-evening party features dessert, champagne and live musical entertainment – while enjoying the company of a house full of friends.

**16 Dinner and Deuces ..... \$60.00**

# Guests: 10  
Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Lauri and Renato's home in San Mateo  
Hosts: Lauri and Renato Floresca

What's better than a fabulous gourmet dinner of grilled lamb and chicken with fine wine? How about following it with a few rousing hands of Deuces, our favorite card game? Some claim it originated in the Philippines, where it is known as Pusoy Dos (the big two). No experience necessary; we've taught it to lots of people and it's always a good time.

19 **Easter Dinner With Our Extended Family** .....\$75.00 for adults; \$40.00 for children

# Guests: 8  
Date: Sunday, April 17, 2017  
Time: 3:00 p.m.; dinner at 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Linda and Dom's home in San Mateo  
Hosts: Dave and Jeff Chandler; Linda Mallette; Dominick Libonati and Lisa Mallette

The Mallette and Chandler families, including their four children, invite you to join them at their traditional Easter dinner. The meal will be roasted leg of lamb, oven-roasted potatoes; sweet potatoes; Brussels sprouts; Waldorf salad, fine wine, dessert and of course chocolates and Easter candy. Celebrate the joy of Easter with CCSM friends.

20 **Game Night and Mexican Dinner**.....\$20.00 per adult; \$10.00 per child;  
or \$50.00 per family

# Guests: 20 people. All ages welcome.  
Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017  
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Brian and Lauren's home in Burlingame  
Hosts: The Mathews family: Lauren, Brian, Cole and Lily

Who's game? Our family loves board games and the best thing about them is that they're always better with more people. We'll play familiar games like Life and Clue along with some games that are easy to learn and may become a new favorite such as Ticket to Ride and Alaskan Golf. Four games will be going simultaneously. We'll serve a yummy Mexican dinner. What could be better on a winter Sunday afternoon?

26 **Hike and Picnic with your Dog**..... \$25.00 per adult; \$50.00 per family

# Guests: 30 dogs and people  
Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016  
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Place: Laurelwood Park and Sugarloaf Mountain in San Mateo  
Hosts: Tony, Kathy and "Harry" Gallo; Lisa Stoltz, Laurie Hearne and "Tallulah"; Fred Tileston, Nancy Lane and "Miss M"; and Mark Meyers with "Charlie Girl" and "Charlie Boy"

Join your CCSM friends and their dogs as we come together and enjoy a hike on lovely Sugarloaf Mountain. Once we complete our hike with our pups, we will gather for a picnic in Laurelwood Park featuring a gourmet box lunch with drinks and dessert. Homemade dog treats included. Bring a blanket so you and your pup can enjoy lunch together. Photo keepsakes will be available. Dress in layers, wear appropriate shoes and bring your own water. There are a few different trails so all levels of abilities are welcome.

30 **Lasagna with Mandolin and Guitar by HeartStrings Music** ..... \$70.00

# Guests: 7  
Date: Saturday, November 26, 2016  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Sue's home in Burlingame  
Hosts: Sue Bullis

Sue is well known for her amazing Italian lasagna, which will be served with appetizers, salad, bread, fine wine and dessert. You will also be treated to a wonderful and unique listening experience provided by *HeartStrings Music*, best described as "an expressive mandolin and heartwarming guitar that transports listeners to romantic places and special memories." The evening will end with the annual cannoli race. Bon Appetito!

**33 Musical and Picnic (for Families) .....\$30.00 per adult; \$25.00 per child**

# Guests: 15 people. All ages welcome.  
Date: Sunday, November 6, 2016  
Time: 12 noon to about 4 p.m.  
Place: Cañada College Theater in Redwood City  
Hosts: Jennifer and Chris Yeh; Michelle and Ramil Padre; Darshna and Andrew Ellis

Join us for a delightful afternoon of a picnic followed by a musical production of Beauty and the Beast. The Yeh, Padre and Ellis children have been participating in Bay Area e.T.c. musicals for several years; they would love to share their passion for theater with you. After church, drive to Cañada College and enjoy a picnic lunch outside the theater (sandwiches, salads and dessert). At 1:00 p.m., we will give you a backstage tour so you can see the stage, scenery and costumes up close and observe the actors and musicians prepare for the show. The show starts at 2:00 p.m. and lasts about two hours.

**34 Organ Camp for Adults ..... \$15.00**

# Guests: 12  
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017  
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Place: CCSM: Chancel area in the Sanctuary  
Hosts: Angela Kraft Cross

This year's camp features our beloved Casavant organ. Join us as we explore the range and depth of sound produced by what some experts consider to be one of the finest organs in California. No previous attendance in adult organ camps is necessary. Participants who would like to try playing the organ should bring their own piano music.

**37 Penny's Poetry Party ..... \$100.00**

# Guests: 8  
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Penny and Annlee's home in San Mateo  
Hosts: Penny Nixon and Annlee McGurk

Join Penny and Annlee for an evening of poetry and dining. This year, we will be celebrating African-American poets and their crucial voice in American literature. Over dinner we'll share our poems and then have a post-dinner conversation on Black Lives Matter.

**38 Pizza Party – Make Your Own..... \$30.00**

# Guests: 20  
Date: Saturday, May 6, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Borelli home in Foster City  
Hosts: Bob and Rhonda Borelli

These two foodies will show you some of the tricks to making fabulous pizza! Homemade dough will be ready for you to roll out and load with delicious toppings from A-Z. The only request is that you share your masterpiece, so we can all enjoy. Beer and Italian music will help set the mood. Ciao!

**41 Super Bowl Party ..... \$45.00**

# Guests: 20  
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017  
Time: 2:30 p.m.  
Place: Gail and Peter's home in San Mateo  
Hosts: Gail and Peter Held; Mark Meyers; Linda Skromme

Enjoy food, fun, and football with friends while watching the game live from Houston. Includes traditional Super Bowl buffet, drinks and snack.

**42 Tea Party for Children ..... \$10.00**

# Guests: 6 children. Ideal ages are 5 to 9 years.  
Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017  
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Christine's home in Millbrae  
Hosts: Christine Lee

Your child is invited to join Kiana and her mom Christine at a delightful tea party. Parents are welcome to stay, or you may drop off your child. Kid-friendly sandwiches, desserts, and fruit plus herbal tea, juice, and/or milk will be provided.

**43 Transbay Terminal Update, Afternoon in San Francisco ..... \$15.00**

# Guests: 10  
Date: Sunday, November 6, 2016  
Time: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Meet Sandra in San Francisco. Carpooling from CCSM will be encouraged.  
Hosts: Sandra Soto Grondona

Join Sandra for a short walk as she updates you on the most important transit development in the Bay Area, the Transbay Terminal in downtown San Francisco. Meet her at a condo located very near the new building. Tea, coffee and sweets will be served.

**44 Vegetariano Cena Italiana (Vegetarian Italian Dinner) ..... \$50.00**

# Guests: 6  
Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Place: Joy and Merle's home in San Mateo  
Hosts: Joy and Merle Mason

Join the Masons for a vegetarian Italian dinner featuring Bruschetta with red peppers, fresh Romaine salad, Minestrone soup, Manicotti entre, Gelato and biscotti dessert. Espresso coffee and tea. Italian beer and wine. Buon appetite!

**45 Wizard of Oz Dinner and Movie ..... \$25.00**

# Guests: 60  
Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Place: CCSM Kloss Hall  
Hosts: CCSM's Carillon Ringers in collaboration with the Chancel Choir. Lynnelle Bilsey

Ring in the new year with our annual dinner and a movie pick-a-party gathering. Come sing along to some of the most beloved songs from the silver screen. Dinner and movie snacks (as well as song sheets) will be provided. All ages are welcome. We are moving to a bigger space this year; join us in Kloss Hall.

46 **Yoga in Central Park** ..... \$20.00

# Guests: 10  
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Central Park in San Mateo. Meet near the flag pole.  
Hosts: Valerie Wong

Yogis originally did yoga outside in beautiful places to honor the interconnection with all life. Valerie invites you to take your yoga practice outside to San Mateo's beautiful Central Park. Enjoy an hour long class suitable for all levels. Healthy vegan snacks and beverages will be offered after the class. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle.