



THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

January 2017

OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER--ELECTRONICALLY

In hopes that every parent and many of the adults at church get to know more of our children, everyone is asked to volunteer at least one Sunday in 2017. It's easy! After the Children's Moment, you just leave with the children, greet your group as they enter their classroom, enjoy their activities, and help us follow the "two-adult" safety rule until the children are released back to their parents. Please go to [SignupGenius](#) to sign up for your choice of date and age group.



NEW TRADITION?

Last month Saint Nicholas made a surprise visit to two of the classes and left little presents in their shoes. Santa Claus actually did have his start as a Christian Saint (who did not wear red or live in the Arctic). Next year he might visit again to help the children learn more about the true meaning of the Christmas holiday.



JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY (with cake)

An escaping black sheep, a strip-tease by the "horse," a battery-powered radiant star (find her in the picture), three dazzling queens, hordes of shepherds and sheep, floating angels...and an inn keeper who just wanted to sleep. What fun! Thank you to everyone for your help in pulling off the pageant!

JANUARY CHILDREN'S "OFFERING" COLLECTION

Please bring toothbrushes and toothpaste for the homeless in San Mateo County.

DON'T MISS

Martin Luther King National Day of Service is Monday, January 16! Volunteer with your family for any of the 22 service projects that morning. Reserve your spot through [Event Brite](#). Garden, knit, help little ones read, and more. Free breakfast is included!



JUMP BACK IN!

Senior High Fellowship schedule kicking back up again on January 8th, and then again every Sunday, 12-2pm in the youth room. **On Sunday, they'll start conversations about the overnight service trip this year.**

Mid-High Fellowship resumes January 15th (Sundays from 6-7:30pm). Mark your calendars for first and third Sunday evenings from then on. AND every Sunday (*except* the first Sunday), the energetic Mid-High students meet for church school in the Youth Room after the Children's Moment in worship. On the first Sunday, they get to hang out with Patrick in the balcony (not over the balcony—but usually the back row where they can see everything and can wiggle).

GO CAMPING (WITHOUT A TENT!)

- **Feb Camp**, the February weekend camp for high school students hosted by the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ at Monte Toyon campground in the Santa Cruz Mountains, will be February 18th-20th, Saturday through Monday (Presidents' Day). Co-Directed by our own Director of Youth Ministries Patrick Kane!
- **Camp Cazadero ("Caz")** on the Russian River in Sonoma County has cabins, electricity, running water, hot showers, yummy food, a pool, and lots of adventures! (Some CCSMers have already signed up.)



Senior High Camp is July 9-15

(open to any youth in 9th-12th grades during the current school year.)

Junior High Camp at "Caz" is July 16-22 (for current mid-hi students).

Registration info for Feb Camp, as well as summer camps at Camp Cazadero (it's still some months away, but why not register early??), can be found on the Conference website: <https://ncncucc.org/yomc>

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