



Open Parties January-August 2018
by upcoming date

Pick-A-Party

Congregational Church of San Mateo

#45 - Ring in the New Year with Oklahoma and Dinner! \$25.00

Guests: 30
Date: Saturday, January 6, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: CCSM: Buckham Room
Hosts: CCSM's Carillon Ringers with Lynnelle Bilsey, Director of Music

The "beautiful morning" that Oklahoma! promised was Rodgers & Hammerstein's first musical. Come sing-a-long with some of these beloved songs as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of this wonderful musical. Join us for trivia and a wonderful dinner provided by our own Carillon Ringers. All ages welcome.

#40 - Organ Camp for Adults \$15.00

Guests: 12
Date: Sunday, January 14, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: CCSM: Chancel area of 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.

#36 - Movie Night: Yentl..... \$25.00

Guests: 20
Date: Friday, January 19, 2018
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: CCSM: Fireplace Room
Hosts: Lynnelle Bilsey

Join us to watch the film Yentl, which inspired one of Penny's sermons in August. Yentl is a 1983 American romantic musical drama film that incorporates humor and music to relate the story of an Ashkenazi Jewish girl in Poland who decides to dress and live like a man so that she can receive an education in Talmudic Law after her father dies. The film's musical score and songs, include "Papa, Can You Hear Me?" and "The Way He Makes Me Feel", both sung by Barbra Streisand. We will watch the film over munchies and beverages, followed by discussion.

#6 - Breakfast (Bonn style) with Ludwig von Beethoven \$25.00

Guests: 18
Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Place: Mary Ann's home in Burlingame
Hosts: Mary Ann Notz and Laura Peterhans

German breakfast buffet featuring gourmet cheeses, wurst, broetchen (rolls), various breads, tortes, fruit compote, coffee and tea. All is accompanied by conversation and a smorgasbord of Beethoven compositions played on one or two pianos, or your own preferred instrument, all by CCSM members and friends--which includes you if you are willing. All ages welcome

#8 - Casavant Love: Organ Concert and Chocolate \$35.00

Guests: 30
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2018
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. Fancy appetizers, chocolate truffles and wonderful wine will all be part of this lovely experience.

#48 - Solidarity for Climate Change (for Kids) \$20.00

Guests: 8 children (7-10 years old)
Date: **Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 - NEW DATE!!!**
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Place: 36 42th Ave. San Mateo **contact Sandra @415-269-7726 via phone or text**
Hosts: Sandra Soto Grondona, 4th/5th grade Lead teacher at CCSM

The issue has never been more relevant than today! For the first time in the legislative history of the US, there is a constitutional climate lawsuit against the U.S. government – brought forth by 21 youth. The case is now pending with the U.S. 9th Circuit Court. The issue is also important because people around the world are responding to consequences of climate change no longer as individuals, but organically and knowledgeably as communities and families in solidarity with others. Children 7-12 years old are invited to participate and learn about small things they can do about climate change mitigation while having fun! They will learn about the responses to catastrophes using *NASA and Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice* websites.

#44 - Redwood Symphony Concert and Italian Dinner \$60.00 per adult; \$30.00 per child.

Guests: 14
Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018
Time: 5:00 p.m. Dinner; 7:00 p.m. pre-concert lecture; 8:00 p.m. concert
Place: Chris and Jennifer's home in San Mateo, then Canada College Theater in Redwood City
Hosts: Chris Yeh and Jennifer Jacoby-Yeh

Join Chris and Jennifer for a splendid musical experience. Chris plays violin in the Redwood Symphony, which has been referred to as "one of the finest community orchestras around." The evening will start with an Italian dinner at the Yeh home, followed by a pre-concert lecture at Cañada College by conductor Eric Kujawsky, and culminates in a concert featuring Mechem's Symphony No. 2*; Symfonia Concertante (Mozart); and Petrushka (Stravinsky). Dinner includes libations and a sampling of the Yeh daughters' amazing desserts. *Composer Mechem will be in attendance at the concert.

#29 - Jigsaw Puzzles and Wine \$25.00

Guests: 8
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Place: Rebecca and Michael's home in Belmont
Hosts: Rebecca Ruedy and Michael Whelan

How about puzzling on a winter afternoon? Join us for jigsaw puzzle assembly plus winetasting (we'll put out 2-3 fine reds and 2-3 fine whites). We'll assemble puzzles in teams of 2 or 3 and the team to complete the puzzle first wins the puzzle AND a bottle of wine.

#2 - Approaches to Dying Well: DVD and Discussion \$25.00

Guests: 4
Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Bob's home in San Mateo
Hosts: Bob Jarmusz and Adelaide Nye

While not typical party conversation, the end of life is something we wonder about, some of us with concern that we need to know more about it - either for ourselves - or for those we love. Dessert, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate will sweeten our time together as we discuss this fact of human life, now so affected by technology. Join us for a relaxed and informative afternoon of learning and safe conversation. An excellent 30 minute documentary will open up our subject. CCSM'ers Bob Jarmusz (retired social worker/hospice volunteer) and Adelaide Nye (patient advocate/hospice volunteer) will lead the conversation.

#18 - Euchre and Dinner \$40.00

Guests: 14
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Jim and Louisa's home in San Mateo
Hosts: Jim and Louisa Shaul

Join this fun-loving couple for an evening of card-playing and Louisa's chicken noodle casserole (Jim's favorite dish made by his mother). Dinner also includes munchies, vegetables, salad, dessert, beer and wine. Euchre is a popular card game in the Midwest. No playing experience required.

#27 - Irish Dinner \$60.00

Guests: 6 adults (singles welcome!)
Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Linda and Dom's home in San Mateo
Hosts: Linda Mallette & Dominick Libonati and Dave & Jeff Chandler

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by enjoying a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, including soda bread, wine, beer. (Yes, green beer if you prefer). Linda will put out the good china and crystal for an elegant affair.

#25 - Hike: Crystal Springs Reservoir..... \$40.00

Guests: 23 hearty hikers
Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018
Time: 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Crystal Springs Reservoir's Fifield-Cahill Trail. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the quarry off Highway 92. We will ferry cars to Sneath Lane departure point then hike south. We'll return to quarry no later than 3:30 p.m. then shuttle back to pick up cars in San Bruno.
Hosts: Sandi Blodgett and Malcolm Jones

Led by PUC docent Malcolm Jones, this unique hiking experience is a 13 mile hike stretching from Sneath Lane in San Bruno to Highway 92. The route begins with a three mile uphill climb on the Sweeney Ridge Trail with a 650 foot elevation change. It then proceeds through the normally locked Portola gate and on to the Fifield-Cahill Trail, which is part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail system. This normally off-limits section of the trail passes through pristine stands of old growth Douglas Fir, evergreen and fragrant coastal scrub on generally rolling hills as well as ridge-top vistas of our watershed lands, reservoirs, the Pacific Ocean and SF Bay. The hike will take about 7 hours. Rain or shine. This is a full day experience for seasoned hikers. Yummy boxed lunch will be provided; you bring your own water.

#39 - Off Broadway Show: Julia Jackson..... \$25.00

Guests: 30
Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: CCSM: Buckham Room
Hosts: Dakota Brown and Julia Jackson

Back by popular demand for a second year...Children are Forever: All Sales Final is a solo one-act performance written and performed by Julia Jackson, a comedian and solo artist. Children are Forever won the United Solo Award for Best Non-Fiction Script at United Solo in 2016. Due to adult themes, children under 15 are not encouraged. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

#23 - Hike and Box Lunch: Huddart Park..... \$25.00

Guests: 10
Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Place: Depart from Carol's home in San Mateo. We will carpool to Huddart Park in Woodside.
Hosts: Carol Henton

This year we return to Huddart Park to repeat a hike that was popular with CCSM hikers for several years. The Crystal Springs & Dean Trails is a 4.7 mile moderately trafficked loop trail that features a great forest setting and is good for all skill levels. Along the way, we'll enjoy a boxed lunch from Copenhagen Bakery.

#24 - Hike and Picnic with your Dog \$25.00 adult; \$10.00 kids over ten years.
\$50.00 per family max.

Guests: 30 dogs and people (adults and kids)
Date: **Saturday, May 5, 2018 - NEW DATE!!!**
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Place: Laurelwood Park and Sugarloaf Mountain in San Mateo
Hosts: Tony and Kathy Gallo, Lisa Stoltz, Laurie Hearne, Fred Tileston, Nancy Lane, Linda Skromme, Mark Meyers -- and our pooches.

Join your CCSM friends and their dogs as we come together and enjoy a hike on beautiful Sugarloaf Mountain. Once we complete the hike with our pups, we will gather for a picnic in Laurelwood Park featuring a gourmet box lunch with drinks and dessert. Vegetarian and kid-friendly options available! In addition to homemade dog treats. Bring a blanket so you and your pup can enjoy lunch together. Dress in layers, wear appropriate shoes and bring your own water for the hike. There are various trails so all levels of dog and people abilities are welcome.

#15 - Dessert, Champagne and Classical Guitar Music..... \$25.00

Guests: 35
Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Jim and Kurt's home in San Mateo
Hosts: Jim Berthelsen and Kurt Neubert

An annual favorite for many CCSM'ers, this delightful late-evening party features dessert, champagne and live classical guitar music. Plan to enjoy the company of a house full of friends.

#22 Hawaiian Luau..... \$60.00

Guests: 25
Date: Saturday, August 25, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Leina and Marc's home in San Mateo
Hosts: Leina and Marc Zimmerman

Aloha! Join the Zimmerman's for a Hawaiian Luau complete with traditional Hawaiian food such as Kahlua Pork, poi, poke, tropical fruits and desserts. Oh, and did we mention umbrella cocktails and Hawaiian entertainment? Plan to wear your "Hawaiian Best" and be ready for a fun evening.