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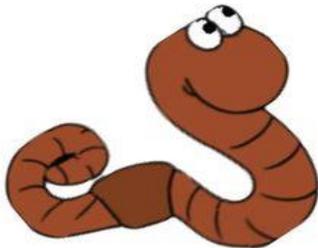
CCSM Family Connections

JUNE 2017

WHO DO YOU SEE?

In Zulu, the usual greeting is *Sawubona*, which means “we see you” (an American version would be “I see you” because we are so individualistic). When Rev. Ben McBride spoke at CCSM to several county clergy today on racism, faith and justice, he emphasized what seeing another person would mean. The response to *Sawubona* is *Sikhona*, “because you see me, I am here.”

The movie, *The Graduate*, came out when I was in college (okay, so I’m old!). Dustin Hoffman starred as a son whose parents had no idea who he was as a person; my date identified strongly with him. He felt like some *thing* his parents could brag about, a trophy, but not a person with his own dreams and hopes. As I watch children too busy to play because of afterschool lessons and busy, busy, busy-ness, I wonder who sees them—and am also touched by the sweet parenting that I see at CCSM. Thank you for realizing that your children are each unique treasures and not objects to mold into your image.



HELP PLAY WITH WORMS?

No, just children! This summer the children will gather outdoors for Children’s Church—to prepare to create a spiritual garden within themselves and ultimately in front of the CE Building. Read more about this adventure in the June Pine Tree. If you can help make this a special experience, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945abae1-creating> to sign up to volunteer.

CE BUILDING REMODEL STARTED

How sad the second floor of the CE looks without children or furniture! Thank goodness it is being remodeled. Meanwhile, one classroom is stacked to the rafters with supplies, musical instruments, chairs and tables (an enter-at-your-own-risk area), while the other rooms are gutted. So, all of the children four-years-old through fifth grade will meet outside on the labyrinth after the Children’s Message each Sunday. You can pick them up at the Memorial Garden’s entrance off the parking lot—and then dash to get the coffee hour treats.

JUNE and JULY COLLECTION: BACKPACKS

As you gear up for school in September, remember to donate your students’ old backpacks (if they aren’t nasty after nine months), and they will go to the street people in San Francisco. If you can donate new backpacks, the farm workers’ children who live in isolated Pescadero would be thrilled. On a special day in August, Puente sets up a “store” where those children can pick out a backpack and then to “shop” for materials to fill it with.



STILL ROOM AT CAZ

CCSM children and youth are attending *three* different camps at CAZ this summer (Junior, Junior High and Senior High Camps). And there is still room, so sign up [here](#)! This spiritual summer camp program for children immerses them in nature (and a swimming pool). Campers can be as young as first grade (with a parent). Don't let your child miss out! Scholarships available.



MID-HIGH MEET-UPS

This summer mid-high students will meet fascinating church members for conversations, stories and occasional wacky advice. So, on Sundays starting June 18, mid-high students should head for the Fireplace Room after the Children's Message in worship—except the first Sunday of each month, when they hang out with Patrick in the back row of the balcony.

HIGH SCHOOL: A JULY OF FUN AND ADVENTURE

After the June road trip to Fresno, high schoolers should mark their calendars for:

- Helping with games at the All-Church Picnic (like eating gummy worms in whipped cream with no hands) on July 9, or
- Heading for Cam Caz Senior High Camp July 9th-15th, and
- Swimming at Gary Steele's (pool with a diving board!), singing karaoke, and playing foosball or basketball on July 16th

(And on August 12, plan on canoeing on the Russian River. Families welcome!)

On Sundays, high schoolers are encouraged to help with the outdoor Children's Church. Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945abae1-creating> to sign up.

SERVICE/LEARNING ROAD TRIP, June 23-25

HEADING FOR THE HEART!

This summer's service/learning trip to Fresno will help the high schoolers experience a culture very different from our own on the Peninsula. Nearly half of the population there speaks Spanish! They'll learn how an agricultural hub like Fresno is different from our hometowns and reflect on the ways in which we, as people of faith, are called to interact with those who are different from us. Please let Patrick know now if you can join us. Room for only a few more! Text or call (650) 219-1477.

