



THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

February 2017

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Last month, thousands of signs from the Women's March in Washington, D.C. encircled the White House and were posted all over the city. The variety was incredible: some funny, some profound, and some admittedly a bit raunchy. The issues ranged from solidarity among people of all cultures, sexual orientation, income disparity, and racism—to global warming and women's right to choose. If you had been there, what message would you have carried?

Though too long for a sign, a tattered note on my refrigerator for several years expresses my commitment:

I pledge allegiance to the children of the United States of America, and to their future for which I stand, and resolve that this nation, caring and just, shall reach the potential in every child, with freedom and opportunity for all.



OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER--ELECTRONICALLY

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.

DON'T MISS:

- Now on the first Sundays of each month, have **Coffee with Kibbie** before church. At 9:30AM in the Fireplace Room, let's talk about your dreams for your children, the challenges of being a parent, your hopes for your children's experience at CCSM—whatever is on your mind.
- Hear **Dr. Michael Gurian**, February 15 at 7PM, at San Mateo Performing Arts Center. He is the foremost expert on how to help our children do their best in life—based on their differences in gender. To register for this remarkable event (only \$5), go to <http://gurianppss.bpt.me/>.
- Don't miss anything! Childcare will be available for most CCSM events. Just email kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org to reserve a space for your child.

FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S "OFFERING" COLLECTION

Please bring **blankets**, coats and gloves for the homeless on the streets in San Francisco. With all this wonderful rain, they are having a particularly tough winter.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Add the **youth group meetings** to your calendars—High School meets right after church until 2PM (except the 19th); Mid-High gathers on the first and third Sunday nights 6-7:30PM. They have games, snacks, fellowship, and some continuing conversation and activities related to how we can all be better servants in our community.
- And, also add the **Mid-High class** in the Youth Room every Sunday after the Children’s Moment in worship—except first Sunday, when they stay in the service and hang out with Patrick on the back row of the balcony. Like the adults, the Mid-high is discussing the guiding principles.
- Come to church **February 26** for **Family Sunday** lead by the High School Youth Group. Bonnie Rambob will preaching. And fifth graders get their own Bibles then.



ADD SIXTY MINUTES

Coming up **Sunday, February 26**, Mike Mullery will facilitate a lively discussion about social media—a topic requested by the high schoolers. That day it’s okay to skip church and come to the Fireplace Room during worship!

CAMPS, CAMPS AND MORE CAMPS

Mark your calendars!

- **Feb Camp** is the Presidents Day 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. It starts at 1pm on Saturday, February 18th and ends 11am on Monday the 20th. The timely theme of this year’s camp will be “Speak Out!” centered on the biblical call to do justice in the world. The weekend will be co-directed by CCSM’s own Director of Youth Ministries, Patrick Kane. There’re still a few spaces left, so make sure to register ASAP! You can head over to <https://ncnucucc.org/febcamp/> to register and get more info.
- Make sure a camp at **Camp Cazadero** is in your summer plans! Early bird registration discounts end February 28th, so tap <https://ncnucucc.org/yomcreg/> to register and save money! If you were in 3rd-5th grade this year, check out Cazadero Junior Camp, July 16-22. In 6th, 7th, or 8th grade this year? Cazadero Junior High Camp is the one for you, July 23-29. Were you in high school (9th-12th



grades) this year? Then you're eligible to attend Cazadero Senior High Camp, July 9-15! Register now!