



# THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

April 2019

## SUNDAY MORNINGS IN GOOD HANDS

Sunday activities didn't skip a beat after Kibbie "retired." Tara Abrams, CCSM parent and member of CYF, enthusiastically took over organizing the mornings. Tara tries to help teens make sense of their lives as a school counselor and spends countless unpaid hours driving the children around to sports afterwards. Clearly, she is an organized juggler. Her second grader Kian loves anything with a ball, especially soccer and baseball. He watches soccer documentaries as if they were cartoons. Her seventh grader Audrey loves rock climbing and has authored many unfinished novels. She is a pescatarian (fish diet) who has a passion for the environment and animals (especially goats!). Tara's husband Andy is a Googler who would make an excellent travel planner should he ever choose to retire. He speaks three languages! Storm the dog and Diesel the cat complete the family. Welcome, Tara!



## APRIL SHOWERS BRING...SPECIAL SUNDAYS

**April 7** Sixty Minutes is usually on the Second Sunday, however, because of a significant birthday party, Mike moved the discussion on *abortion* to April 7, a first Sunday. *And*, instead of the usual first-Sunday high school youth group night, we will go to lunch after coffee hour to continue the conversation. Should be a hot political and emotional topic!

**April 14** On Palm Sunday the children can follow the CCSM donkey into the service, waving palms and singing. Come early so you don't miss the parade! Heehaw!

**April 21** Once again the Easter festival will include fun activities for the children while the adults continue worship. Don't miss!

**April 28** After a FREE lunch, clean up our neighborhood during San Mateo's TeamUp to Clean Up. All families are welcome. The city brings the supplies (gloves, bags and pinchers), and we provide the energy. Jorge will lead a mid-high team, while Kibbie will rally the high schoolers to compete for "best team trash collectors."

(making fruit bars at Bible Night→)



## DON'T MISS **CAMP CAZ** IN JULY

Already our kids are signing up for Camp Caz—join the adventure! Current kindergarteners through second graders can go to Caz July 5-7. Then it's time for current sixth through eleventh graders to go, from July 7-13 (two separate camps during the same week at the same location). And finally, July 21-27, current third through fifth graders can go to Junior Camp. Scholarships and transportation are available if needed. Click on <https://ncncucc.org/yomc/>.



# Youth CALENDAR



Nico and Drew busy prepping dinner on Shrove Tuesday

### APRIL 7 - MEET UP

Meet the candidate who might soon direct the children and youth program.

*Mid-highers* will get to talk with her during their regular class.

*High schoolers* are invited to join her for lunch after Sixty Minutes (see note on first page).

No evening high school youth group this month because of Easter.

### APRIL 14 - TREASURE HUNT

*Mid-high* youth group will go on a treasure hunt throughout the campus. The hunt launches soon after we meet in the Youth Room at 6:30PM, so be on time! Should the prize be root beer floats?

### APRIL 28 - TRASH CHALLENGE

Calling *ALL youth!* Will the mid-high youth group be stomped by the high schoolers in the race to collect the most trash in our neighborhood? Right after church and a free lunch in the Buckham Room, we will hit the streets to determine who are the best CCSM "pickers." (No mid-high youth group at night.)



### SHROVE TUESDAY: A SWEET SUCCESS

Dozens of youth, like Zoe (right), chopped, flipped and served pancakes and more goodies at the umpteenth annual Shrove Tuesday dinner with its sinful syrup. Over one hundred joined the fun and even made Mardi Gras masks.

### TURKEYS DASHED FOR SAFETY!



### THE RATTLESNAKE LOST ITS HEAD!

But the mid-high made it up to the top of the mountain on their Coming of Age retreat. Hiking over 5 miles and going over 1,000 feet uphill, they still weren't tired enough to sleep that night!

